

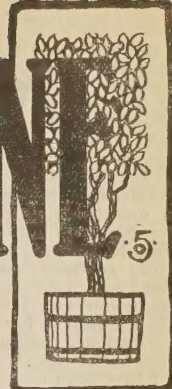
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## FANNIE'S FLIRTATION

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A CONTINUED STORY IN TEN CHAPTERS

### SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Archibald Lathrop returning from a fishing expedition in the East, becomes acquainted, through an accident, with Fannie Nettleton, a wealthy New York girl just out of school. The coach breaks down and some time is consumed in procuring another vehicle to carry them to the cars. Three years later Fanny is taking part in private theatricals at a friend's house. The son of the house, who has been in the army, returns with a broken arm. He proves to be none other than our hero of the coach, although he is not recognized by Fannie. Thinking she has grown worldly and vain, he does not make himself known. Some days later she overhears a conversation between him and a friend in which he expresses his opinion of her very freely.

"TAKE care that you have not been made cynical," rejoined his friend. "But I am quite bent on your finding some one who will bring you to a more comfortable state of mind. Suppose you do a little bit of romance; take your gun, or your fishing-rod, and go off into the wilderness, resolved to fall in love with the first woman you meet."

"Langthorne," said Mr. Lathrop with almost a touch of pain in his voice, "you do not know what you are talking about! Three years ago, I took my fishing-rod, not for the purpose you mention, but to enjoy a week's primitive sport in the region where I once went to school, and I met—Miss Fanny Nettleton."

Fanny almost sprang from her sofa; here was the clue, then to much bewilderment; but, remembering herself, she became quiet again.

An exclamation of astonishment escaped his listener, as he observed: "Why, I should never have supposed, from your manner toward each other, that you had met previously."

"She does not suspect it," was the reply, "I am so changed with army service, and close shaving, and she saw me but once—although that once was equal to six months of ordinary acquaintance."

"I should think she would remember the name," said Mr. Langthorne.

"I gave her my middle name of Norval," was the reply. "It really is my name, you know; and, somehow, I think it was a mingling of the unwillingness we men entertain to be wholly truthful with women, and the desire to lay the foundation of a possible bit of romance that led me to adopt this course. At any rate, I was 'Mr. Norval' during those swiftly-winged hours, and the name has never sounded so sweetly before or since."

"And she has never given you reason to suppose that she remembers you?" asked Mr. Langthorne, reflectively.

"No; I do not think she has the slightest idea who I am; a look, or a tone, may occasionally strike her as familiar, and she has lifted those very pretty eyes of hers to my face, and said, 'I cannot divest myself of the idea that I have met you before, Mr. Lathrop'—to which I have replied, 'Probably in some previous state of existence,' and there the subject has dropped."

"What a very aggravating man you are, Lathrop!" exclaimed his friend, with an amused laugh. "Positively, if I were a woman, I could not resist the temptation to try my powers on you—and I do not blame Miss Fanny in the least. But this is a very disjointed story of yours—what with digressions, and moralizings, and regrets, etc. Do begin at the beginning, like a reasonable being, and tell me what it is all about."

"I feel in the mood for confession, this afternoon," was the reply, "and I think I will begin at the beginning. You know, of course, how I was brought up, Langthorne? I do not wish to reflect upon my mother—for I was her only child, and, in her way, I believe she idolized me; but I was taught to look upon almost any occupation as rather degrading, and suffered to lounge about, with a pretence of study, until my twenty-first birthday put me in possession of the moderate fortune left me by my father. My mother, by that time, had married again, and now devoted her energies to saddling me with a wealthy wife. I say

'saddling,' for most women who have money are disagreeable, and would be to me from the very fact of having it; and it was partly to escape a threatened entanglement of this sort that I started, one October evening, for the neighborhood of Ridgeway, the Connecticut village where I became initiated into the rudiments of Latin.

"I spent a delightful week, and chartered the old stage-coach on one of the loveliest mornings I ever saw for the return trip. As the vehicle drew up, in obedience to my summons, a glance inside discovered two females—one somewhere between sixty and a

hundred and fifty, and the other composed principally of green veil drawn well over the face; so I climbed up outside, and was jolted along slowly enough to have counted all the apples on the trees that we passed. By-and-by, we dropped the female patriarch; and green veil, whom I had set down as a middle-aged dress-maker, or something of the kind, had the inside all to herself.

"Presently, we struck into the woods; and the solitude being favorable to meditation, and the driver, for a wonder, not given to talking, I meditated—that is, thought of nothing in particular, until a sudden lurch overturned the crazy coach, and reduced it to a ruin—while your humble servant sprawled gracefully among the dead leaves, with the green-veiled female reposing on my left arm. I tried, for a moment, to recollect whether, in that second of chaos, I had snatched her from the reeling vehicle, or whether she had come of her own accord; but in one glance I saw that she had fainted, and that she was one of the sweetest little rosebuds, imaginable.

"Not being much used to fainting-fits, and seeing no water handy, I used the simplest remedy I had heard of, and laid her down flat on the ground—where the delicious autumn air performed the office of a fan with untiring vigor. She presently opened her eyes; and lovely eyes they were, and are. We were a little awkward, at first, as was natural under the circumstances; but presently, we fell into conversation as easily as though we had known each other all our lives. The driver coolly announced to us a delay of several hours, and advised us to play at Babes in the Wood in the meantime.

"Miss Fanny was just from school, and as fresh and innocent as a wild-flower. I did no love-making; and the tenor of our conversation was amusingly original. I experienced the sensations of a man taken suddenly from dusty, city streets, and let loose in a green pasture. But this paradise was all too short. A suggestion of the enemy, I think, led me off on a self-inflicted ramble of discovery after an impossible wagon; having first established my fair companion in the broken stage-coach to watch for the driver, who had gone off on a like mission in an opposite direction.

"I had every confidence that I would arrive first, in abundant time to get the anxious damsel to the cars; but I got lost in those confounded woods, and floundered about hopelessly until nightfall, when a returning laborer charitably conducted me to the highway. I returned to the spot where I had left the lady—but she had disappeared, stage-coach and all; and I concluded that Hiram had come back in time, and taken her to the cars. I spent the night at a wretched wayside inn, and took the first down-train in the morning, with my heart stirred to its inmost depths by the memory of an unknown school-girl, whom I should, probably, never see again.

"When the war broke out, I was thankful to have something to do; and, in spite of my mother's protestations, I shouldered my knapsack, and did my duty as well as I knew how. And this is the whole story from beginning to end."

"But why, in the name of common sense," said Mr. Langthorne, "did you not make yourself known to Miss Nettleton, when you met her here, and renew the acquaintance?"

"Because," replied the youthful cynic, "the Miss Nettleton whom I met in the woods, and the Miss Nettleton whom I saw, three years after, performing on a stage in my mother's drawing-room, are as distinctly different as the delicious, scented violet, and the soulless japonica. A more complete change I never saw—and with this Miss Nettleton I am not a bit in love, and never shall be."

Mr. Langthorne was almost angry.

"I'll tell you what it is, Mr. Archibald Norval Lathrop," he began, excitedly; "you are my friend,

### Puffe the Drums!

Muffle the drums! Let the bugles blow  
Softly their music this hallowed day.

March with reverent step, and slow;

Homage to war's dead heroes pay.

Over the graves

Of our fallen braves

Low droops the flag while a nation is weeping;

Blow, bugles, blow

Softly and low,

Over the place where our blest ones are sleeping!

Muffle the drums! 'Tis a sacred day;

Hallowed and honored its memory keep.

Naught but love's tokens we bring to lay

Over the graves where our fallen sleep.

Blow, bugles, blow!

Softly and low,

While fairest flowers love's hand is here strewing

Over the graves

Of nation's braves—

Over the sod which our tears are bedewing!

Muffle the drums! See, the flag is unfurled!

Shouts of the battle have died away.

Over the fields where war's dust cloud whirled

Peace and tranquility reign today.

Clashing of arms—

Wild bugle alarms—

Ne'er shall be heard where our heroes lie sleeping.

Rest, soldier, rest,

While o'er thy breast

God's sacred watch-fires their vigils are keeping.

Muffle the drums! On steep mountain heights,

Down in the valleys, on land, o'er sea,

Thundered the guns through wild days and nights,

Spilling the life-blood for you and for me.

Charging brigades

Met flashing blades!

Stern was the contest on battlefields gory.

Sleep, heroes, sleep!

O'er land and deep

Thine was the conflict and thine be the glory.

E. A. Brininstool, in Los Angeles

Express.

of course, and I think the world of you—but in this matter you have shown yourself to be—excuse me—something of an idiot. What right had you to expect that this young lady, whom you met in the woods—and to whom, by your own showing, you did not make love—would be ready, after a lapse of three years, to echo all your peculiar sentiments, and take up that interesting pastoral at the very leaf where it was folded down—having heard nothing from you in the meantime? My wife says that all men are exacting; but you rather go ahead of the generality. Fanny Nettleton is a very lovable girl in spite of a little coquetry; and if I were a single man—"

But Fanny had heard enough; and, divided between indignation and humiliation, she went up stairs and locked herself in her room. On her toilet-table she found a letter from her sister, ordering her immediate return to the city.

"I have been told," said the anxious writer, "that there is quite a promising flirtation in progress between you and Archibald Lathrop; and, as this would not do at all, it will be better to break it off at once by coming home."

Fanny smiled as she read these lines; this was the second time that she had been accused of "flirting" with the same individual; but suddenly bursting into tears, as she thought of the "talk" on the piazza, and her own worldly, purposeless life, she felt thankful for the summons, and resolved to obey it immediately.

There was a look of triumph in Mrs. Hylaper's eye, as she bade Fanny an affectionate farewell; and, as that lady had lately spent a day in the city, there is no knowing how much she may have had to do with the circulation of the report that had alarmed Mrs. Chalmers.

Mr. Lathrop had gone on a hunting expedition with his friend Langthorne, and was both surprised and disappointed to find, on his return, that the guest had

"If I be I," and rang the bell—which, fortunately for her, she could reach without leaving her couch.

"Why, you've got the inflammatory rumertism, mum, as sure as you're alive!" said the chambermaid, who answered the summons.

But Miss Seraphina, who considered the charge of "rumertism" equal to an accusation of old age, was highly displeased, and sent for the doctor.

He confirmed the chambermaid's opinion; and the poor lady groaned and wept, in the most abject condition of self-pity, Mrs. Thurlinghams wedding reception, and Mrs. Pyerby's *dejeuner*. There lay the cards for both, just where she could see them—and all hope of her going so cruelly cut off by that obstinate, unsympathizing doctor! What in the world was she to do with herself? Reading she did not care a fig for; and, besides it was very tiresome with a one-eye glass—she would not come to spectacles. If somebody would only come in!

At this juncture the door opened, and her niece, Fanny, a little paler than when she had last seen her, made her appearance. She looked nice and youthful, though, and it was a pleasure to see such a fresh, pretty face.

"Why, dear auntie, what is the matter?" asked Fanny, looking toward the bed in surprise. "Are you sick?" and she stooped down and kissed her.

Miss Seraphina was not often kissed, and perhaps it was that which caused her to burst into tears.

"Oh, Fanny!" she sobbed, despairingly, "I am a helpless cripple—perhaps for life!"

This was terrible, and poor Fanny trembled at the thought of some dreadful accident; but, after awhile, she managed to gather the facts of the case, and felt relieved—although the facts were bad enough. Looking at her aunt, as she lay there, with tears on the cheeks that seemed so sunken, and her thin, gray locks hanging in disorder—the glossy curls in the box not being a native production—the young girl felt a sudden gush of tenderness, and almost a reproachful feeling that she had not been sufficiently attentive to her dead father's only sister.

She resolved to make up for it now, and "rushed" at the bed, after the manner of inexperienced nurses, to shake up a pillow, or do something, no matter exactly what; but Miss Seraphina repulsed her, with a scream of mingled pain and rage, as she exclaimed, "Good gracious, child! Do you want to kill me outright? I might as well have an elephant walking over me! When you come to inflammatory rheumatism, yourself, you'll know better."

Now that all hope had been destroyed of its not being inflammatory rheumatism, she determined to make the most of it; and Fanny was rather dismayed at the outset. But she was naturally amiable; and such a feeling of intense pity for the poor, cross sufferer took possession of her, that she bore patiently with all her peevish fault-finding, and took the plentiful scoldings so meekly that her aunt was almost surprised.

Miss Seraphina, however, could spare very little from her own sufferings for the contemplation of other people's feelings; and Fanny was kept so continually on the go, all the morning, that her unaccustomed feet became decidedly weary. Her aunt felt outraged by her youth and beauty, and comforted herself by telling her that *she* would come to inflammatory rheumatism yet, and that people couldn't always be young and healthy. Aunt Seraphina likewise told Fanny of her first love, that morning, and how near she came to being married twice—or rather, how she twice came near being married once. One of these times, her lover was considered too poor by the family, because he couldn't keep a carriage; and the other time, she—well, she must confess it—she tried him too far, and—lost him.

"To be sure," said Miss Seraphina, philosophically, "if I had married the first one, I might have had a large family, and been worried to death to dress and dispose of my daughters on small means."

"But why 'dress and dispose' of them?" thought Fanny, moralizing. "How infinitely preferable the large family, on small means, to the lonely woman lying there in her unloved autumn! And the other one that she tried and lost—what fools women are!" Of course, Fanny would not do anything of the kind.

Aunt Seraphina made herself as unlovely as possible, after the fashion of cross, elderly invalids; and Fanny took it all with the conviction that makes people swallow mineral-waters; she felt that "it was good for her." These are a peculiarity in human nature that makes people crave after a course of folly or wrong—doing something tangible in the shape of penance; and Fanny had arrived at a state of mind that made it rather agreeable to shoulder aunt Seraphina, although her spurs were of the sharpest.

She received a furious scolding, after her morning's work, for going home to tell Cornelia what had detained her; and on arriving in Fifth avenue, and describing the condition of affairs in—street, she was taken to task not very gently for wasting her morning in so unprofitable a manner—as there was to be something extra in the way of a ball, that evening, with a

perfect menagerie of lions and other wild animals.

"And I have the strangest thing to tell you, Fanny," continued her sister, becoming good-natured again. "Archibald Lathrop has most unexpectedly come into possession of quite a fortune—so that we were rather lousy, after all. But I believe he is to be at Mrs. Woolford's this evening—and we shall have an opportunity of retracing our steps, and securing the prize before it is carried off by some one else."

A deep blush glowed on Fanny's face, as she replied, "You were quite mistaken, sister, about Mr. Lathrop—there has been no 'flirtation' between us, and I would not marry him if he were to ask me to-morrow. I promised to spend the evening with poor aunt Seraphina—and if you had seen her lying there, sick and desolate, you would not wonder that I do not feel like going out to-night."

"This is perfect folly, Fanny!" exclaimed her sister, clasping and unclasping a bracelet. "Rheumatism doesn't kill people, that I ever heard—old people always have it; and if you are going to devote your days and nights to aunt Seraphina, you will make a fright of yourself to no purpose. Of course, I shall go and see the old lady; and the best thing to do is to provide her with a nurse. I suppose I might as well go there this afternoon and get it over."

Miss Nettleton was decidedly sarcastic with "her niece, Mrs. Henry Chalmers"—was very much flattered by her condescension—and, as to a nurse, why, when she succeeded in finding a Betsy Prig, or a Sairy Gamp, she hoped that she would send her there to pull her pillow away, and drop snuff in her tea.

"Lal aunt," said Mrs. Chalmers, not at all disturbed by the tirade, "what's the use of being cross because you have the rheumatism? I am sure I am willing to do what I can for you—but you know that I cannot be with you all the time."

"I am very glad that you can't!" interrupted her irate relative, "for I am sure that you would drive

### Shower and Shine.

Let us home and take shelter,  
While romps on the plain  
Like a herd helter-skelter  
The galloping rain;  
For the thunder clouds blacken  
And drench as they pass  
The deer in the bracken,  
The kine in the grass.

It is gone—Let us follow;  
The heavens breathe free;  
The shafts of Apollo  
Are loosed on the sea;  
And pure from the thunder  
In shine and in hue,  
The world and its wonder  
Are fashioned anew.

William Watson.

### Maytime.

There's something in the apple blossom,  
The greening grass and bobolink's song,  
That wakes again within my bosom  
Feelings that have slumbered long.  
As long, long years ago I wandered,  
I seem to wander even yet.  
The hours the idle schoolboy squandered,  
The man would die ere he'd forget.  
Dear hours! Which now again I over live,  
Hearing and seeing with ears and eyes  
Of childhood, ye were bees that to the hive  
Of my young heart came laden with  
rich prize  
Gathered in fields and woods, and sunny  
dells to be  
My spirit's food in days more wintry.

Lowell.

left; for, somewhat shaken in his cynicism, by the sensible remarks of his friend, he had graciously resolved to cultivate Miss Fanny a little, and see if he could discover any trace of the artless school-girl.

A conclusion for which that ungrateful young lady would not have thanked him.

### CHAPTER V.

#### AUNT SERAPHINA.

Miss Seraphina Nettleton was a lady rather past fifty, with a tall, attenuated frame, highly effective in the draping line, and an air of great pretension, that people termed "stylish." Her features were of the aquiline order; and her old laces and camel's-hair shawl were unexceptionable. She made up well; and was considered rather an ornamental and respectable figure at receptions, and any gatherings where youth and beauty were not absolute essentials. Miss Seraphina's bonnets were always of the latest style—but the inside furnishing of her head was not so well attended to. With respect to the heart, an elderly woman of fashion is not supposed to be troubled with one.

Miss Nettleton's means enabled her to board at a stylish home, and make an occasional present to her slenderly provided niece, Fanny. To those who believe in home comforts, and the daily interchange of little offices of affection, lifting one out of self, and purifying the atmosphere around, this would seem a dreary, loveless life; but Miss Seraphina accepted her position with placid philosophy, and derived much importance from frequent reference to "her niece, Mrs. Henry Chalmers."

Sickness was an unaccustomed trial—a possibility that Miss Seraphina never contemplated, nor made any provision for; when therefore, she awoke, one damp morning, to a sensation of acute twinges "flying all over her," and an indescribably puffy condition of her lower limbs, her surprise and indignation were both extreme.

Like the old woman in nursery classics, she doubted

me crazy."

"Well, aunt," said her niece, pleasantly, "I hope you'll feel better to-morrow," and Mrs. Chalmers went back to her Fifth avenue palace with a new sensation: gratitude that she was not Miss Seraphina Nettleton—or even Miss Cornelia Nettleton.

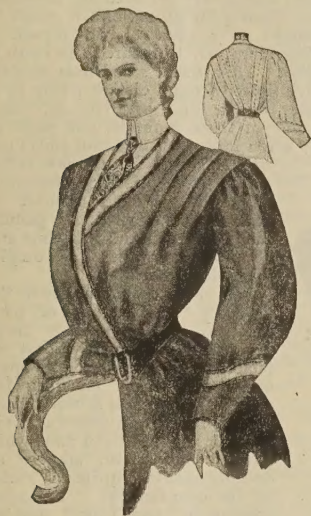
That perverse Fanny! What new crotchet had she taken into her head? Go to the invalid she would, and go to Mrs. Woolford's she wouldn't; and her sister was more "put out" than her placid disposition usually allowed her to be. And Fanny kept up this aggravating course of conduct until Mr. Archibald Lathrop went back to resume his military duties, resolutely avoiding every place where he was likely to be, and passing him with the coldest of bows on a chance encounter in the street.

Miss Nettleton found it an unusually dreary winter, and became generally disgusted with all her so-called friends, who were entirely too much occupied with parties and receptions to spend much time with an unamiable invalid. At the first relapse she would resume her old habits, and bring back the disease with redoubled violence; and Fanny and the doctor were at their wit's end to manage the fractious sufferer.

Miss Seraphina was more pleased with her niece than she had ever been before—although she took good care not to show it; and she became so dependent on Fanny that she quite wondered how she had ever done without her. That young lady was improving daily under the wholesome discipline of sacrificing her own will to that of some one else; and the thorns and briars, which aunt Seraphina so liberally showered on her pathway, had ceased to annoy or irritate her. The only feeling of animosity that she allowed herself to cherish was toward Mr. Archibald Norval Lathrop; and that she nursed and kept warm down in the depths of her heart, hoping that, at some future day, she might have the pleasure of seeing that individual completely humbled, with all the "nonsense" shaken out of him.

(Continued in next issue.)

# Home Dressmaking HINTS BY MAY MANTON.



Pattern No. 4931

## SURPLICE BLOUSE OR SHIRT WAIST 4931

TO BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT THE FITTED LINING.

Simple waists made in surplice style and worn with chemisette of linen or made in lingerie style are exceedingly fashionable and exceedingly attractive. This one is made of mignonne green cashmere trimmed with fancy banding and is stitched with corticelli silk, but can be reproduced in any waisting that may be preferred, in the washable fabrics as well as silk, inasmuch as the lining can be used or omitted as circumstances require.

The waist consists of the fitted foundation, which is closed at the centre front, fronts and back. The back is tucked from shoulders to waist line, giving a tapering effect to the figure, the fronts to yoke depth, so providing graceful folds over the bust. The chemisette is separate and arranged under the fronts, closed at the back. The sleeves are full both at the shoulders and the wrists, where they are finished with shaped cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 3½ yards 21, 3¼ yards 27 or 1½ yards 44 inches wide, with ¾ yards 10 any width for chemisette and 2½ yards of banding.

The pattern 4931 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4916

## BLOUSE WAIST 4916.

Blouse waists made with chemisettes of lace or in lingerie style are among the novel features of the season and are eminently attractive. This one combines a plain back with fronts that are tucked at the shoulders to yoke depth and includes sleeves of the latest cut with deep cuffs. As illustrated the material is royal blue taffeta with banding of silk and chemisette of cream colored lace over chiffon. All waisting materials are, however, appropriate, and tucked muslin is always attractive for the chemisette and collar.

The waist consists of the fitted lining, which can be used or omitted as preferred, fronts and back. The chemisette is arranged over the lining and under the edges of waist, which is closed invisibly beneath the edge of the right front. The sleeves are made over fitted linings, which are faced to form deep cuffs, and from which the cuffs are cut when the foundations are omitted.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 3½ yards 21, 3¼ yards 27 or 1½ yards 44 inches wide, with ¾ yards of all-over lace.

The pattern 4916 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4935

## BREAKFAST JACKET 4935

Tasteful breakfast jackets belong in every complete wardrobe. This one is quite simple at the same time that it is becoming and attractive and is available for a variety of materials, but, as illustrated, is made of old rose French flannel with banding of white silk and embroidered figures in the scallops. The double cape collar makes a noteworthy feature and the wide sleeves contribute largely to comfort at the same time that they are graceful.

The jacket is made with fronts and back, fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams, and is confined at the waist by means of a ribbon bowed at the front. The two collars are arranged one over the other and finish the neck, and the wide sleeves are made in one piece each.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4½ yards 27, 4¼ yards 32 or 2¼ yards 44 inches wide.

The pattern 4935 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 bust measure.



Skirt No. 4896, Waist No. 4945.

## CIRCULAR SKIRT 4896.

TO BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT SEAM IN FRONT AND WITH INVERTED PLAITS OR HABIT BACK.

Circular skirts made full so that they fall in abundant folds and ripples are among the smartest of all models and are trimmed in various ways. This one is made of reseda broadcloth stitched with corticelli silk, and shows a seam at the centre front with inverted plaits at the back, but the model allows of making without a seam at the front and with the habit back whenever preferred. All seasonable materials are appropriate.

The skirt consists of skirt and belt only and is fitted over the hips by means of short darts. The closing is made invisibly at the back whether the plaits are used or not.

The quantity of material required for the medium

size is 8 yards 57 inches wide, 4½ yards 44 inches wide or 4 yards 52 inches wide, or ½ yard less 52 inches wide when made without the seam at the front.

The pattern 4896 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

## BLOUSE WAIST 4945

Blouse waists worn with chemisettes, make pronounced favorites, and will extend their vogue for many months to come. This one is charmingly graceful and simple, and includes sleeves of the latest sort that are shirred to form puffs above the elbows, so reducing the apparent breadth. In the case of the model the material is almond green chiffon taffeta, the chemisette and cuffs being of the material banded with tiny braid and the belt of chiffon velvet. The tucks at the back give the effect of broad shoulders with a small waist, while those at the front provide becoming fullness.

The waist consists of the fitted lining, which closes at the centre front, fronts and back. The chemisette is separate and arranged under the fronts, and the shirred sleeves are arranged over foundations which are faced to form the cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 5½ yards 21, 4¼ yards 27, or 2¼ yards 44 inches wide, with ¾ yards 21 inches wide for belt.

The pattern 4945 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4863

## PETTICOAT WITH FLARE FLOUNCE IN LILY STYLE 4863

Shapely petticoats are ever in demand by well dressed women. This one is specially designed for wear under fashionable skirts and is so well adapted to the ready made ones of hair cloth that make the best of all interlinings. As illustrated it is made of changeable taffeta, green and red, and is trimmed with ruchings of the material, but satin, mohair, and all similar skittings are appropriate.

The petticoat is cut in five gores with a deep circular flounce, to the lower edge of which a circular frill is attached. The upper portion fits smoothly over the hips and is laid in inverted plaits at the back.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (without ruches) is 7 yards 21 inches wide, 6 yards 27 inches wide or 3¼ yards 44 inches wide.

The pattern 4863 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inch waist measure.

## CORSET COVER 4719

Shapely corset covers that fit nicely yet are not over snug are in constant demand and can be too numerous. This one is peculiarly pretty and attractive, is eminently simple and can be made of any of the materials in vogue for underwear. The model, however, is of linen batiste with insertion and frills of embroidery and bands of beading.

The corset cover is cut with fronts and back, which are laid in narrow tucks to the waist line, and is closed at the center with a box plait in shirt waist style. Over the upper edge and at the waist line are applied bands of beading that are threaded with ribbon by means of which the size is regulated.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 1½ yards 36 inches wide with 1½ yards of insertion, 3 yards of edging and 1½ yards of beading to trim as illustrated.

The pattern 4719 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40 inch bust measure.

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## Libby The Unloved.

Libby Anderson hung the dishcloth on its accustomed nail, and stood there surveying it. It was plain, from the way she looked, that she had determined to speak.

"Ma," she asked of the woman who was sitting before the little round stove, "what were those papers Dave put in his pocket as I came in?"

"Some things he was showin' me."

"Ma," she asked, quivering, "you didn't sign anything, did you?"

"I didn't sign your name to anything," and the needles clashed again.

She knew her mother too well to press further. "I just couldn't understand Dave coming here this time of year," she ventured; "and I thought he acted queer."

The old woman was folding her knitting.

"I'm going to bed, and you'd better come along, too," was her reply.

A week went by, and although Libby had twice forgotten to feed the chickens, and had several times let the kettle burn dry, she was beginning to feel more settled in her mind.

She did up the work one morning and went to town.

Her first call was at the solicitor, and here she heard the worst. Ma had assigned their home to Dave. She did not make any fuss; she was too old-fashioned for hysterics.

It was not until the old place came in sight that she broke down.

"It's not fair," she cried out, "when I've stayed here and worked—it's not fair!" And, for the first time in many years, she was crying—passionately crying.

It was a feeling of outraged justice that made her speak, for she was just a woman—the daughter of pa.

"Ma," she said, "do you think pa would like to think of your assigning the place to Dave, when I've stayed here and kept it up the best I could for twenty years?"

The old woman put down her knitting.

"La, now, Libby," she said, not unkindly, "don't take on. You'll never want for nothin'!"

Libby stood there looking at her.

"I think you don't realize what you've done," she said; and turned to the bedroom to take off her things.

It was not until the next month, the blustering month of March, that all was made clear. It was early in the afternoon when Libby looked from the window and saw a man coming in at the big gate.

"That friend of Dave's from the city is coming, ma," she said.

"Gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Anderson, "and such a day as 'tis!"

The stranger warmed his hands, and disbursed a number of pleasantities.

"Well, Mrs. Anderson," he said finally, "your son wants me to make a little proposition to you."

Mrs. Anderson looked pleasantly expectant.

"Dave's always makin' propositions," she chuckled.

"He's been a good deal worried about you this winter—afraid you were not just comfortable out here—you two, all alone."

"Dave's always thinkin' of his mother's comfort," she asserted; and looked triumphantly over to Libby.

"Well," he resumed, turning back to the older woman, "it worries Dave to think of you being out here alone now that you're getting along in years, so he's rented a nice little place in town and he feels sure it would be better all around if you'd just go in and take it."

"If that ain't for all the world like Dave!—always some new idea in his head. But you just tell him, Mr. Murray, not to be bothering. We don't want to move to town—do we, Libby?"

"Not if we can help it," she replied.

"Dave's been away from the place so long that he don't see just how 'tis," ma explained. "Libby and me wouldn't feel at home no place else."

"It's too bad you feel that way," he went on persuasively, "for Dave was so sure you'd like the idea that he's gone ahead and made all arrangements, and I'm afraid there might be a little trouble about unmaking them."

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## The Vanessa Butterfly

Ellen Robertson Miller

"I'd be a butterfly born in a bower."

One summer day my attention was attracted by a Vanessa butterfly coquetting with two of her kind. In and out of the hollyhock stalks she flew, under the porch vines, over the flower beds, then down into the orchard she careened, circled and manoeuvred. All waved their delicate wings so as to give each other a glimpse of the rose and salmon decorations on the undersides. In their vanity they took the risk of being snapped up by a bird, and served as a meal to the birdlings. Usually these butterflies are very discreet and will rest with wings held erect, and so arranged as to cover the pretty colors, and it takes sharp eyes to detect their marbled gray and brown forms from the back ground, when they alight upon trees.

Soon my lady beautiful returned with but one attendant. She had chosen between her lovers and they located for their honeymoon in the hollyhocks. Their children would have been much safer had they searched for a thistle in which to make their nest, such an one as no doubt they were fed upon. A few weeks later I found the hollyhocks looking ragged and brown, and remembered the visit of the Vanessa couple. Was their nursery responsible for the decline of my flowers? I unrolled several leaves caught loosely together with silken threads. Yes, in each a caterpillar. I placed my magnifying glass over one so as to get a better view of its coat. It was of black velvet trimmed with bands of embroidery in lemon yellow. Pearls, rubies and garnets, caught and held them in place. What a jeweled thing it was as beautiful in color if not in form as were its parents.

I knew that it would be easier to raise the larvae where their mother intended them to live, so I did not then disturb them, but greatly to my disgust, I found later on that all save four had taken the alarm and departed to safer feeding grounds. I placed those remaining in a glass fruit jar with air holes in the cover, and with them plenty of hollyhock leaves. Here apparently they bewailed their fate and scolded each other, and rushed up and down the sides of the can until one went to spinning fine silk threads and fastening them to the top of the jar, and when it had made a nice little mat, it hooked into it its last pair of legs and hung with head down until I think it grew dizzy, for it seemed to try and curl up into its body, as it swung back and forth. When next I found it—what? Why the dearest "ear bob" only the ring to pierce the flesh was wanting. It was brown with a suggestion of a lilac color, and nature had dipped her paint brush in the gold of the setting sun and touched its sides. It was a frail little shell chrysalis, with no trace of the caterpillar but there was its last dress, discarded and lying at the bottom of the jar. Up went another and attached itself as close as it could to my first ear bob and there was a pair of them. Numbers three and four followed suit and I awaited developments. Seven days later the first ear drop and its mate broke open, and out came two such beautiful butterflies, just what the parents had been on that day when they were courting among the hollyhocks. At first their wings were small and wet, but soon air filled the tiny veins as it fills a balloon when you blow into it, and the young Vanessa carduis sailed out into the summer air just as does the toy balloon, only there was no string to hold them by, and so they were lost to me, but no doubt each proved as coquettish and vain as had their parents been before them. Of the other butterflies in the glass jar, the third was drowned before its wings developed, in the drops of red liquid which had collected at the bottom of the can after facilitating the birth of each ear bob, and one came forth with crumpled wings and never flew. I placed it in the sunny porch hoping it might grow strong, not knowing then that a crumpled butterfly must always remain as born. There Mrs. Robin Redbreast found it and it was sacrificed to the voracious appetites of her young nestlings. With insect families as with our own there are successes and misfortunes—good luck and bad, and why one caterpillar as like its mates as are two cherries on a stem should become a gorgeous-winged creature and its brother be obliged to die before its wings are spread is past man's understanding.

## AMagnoliaBlossom

By L. E. Hessel

I was one day admiring a friend's magnolia tree, as it bowed beneath its burden of blooms. He broke off for me a stem bearing a well grown bud, and requested me to watch it. Like a lonely fairy it stood in its vase of water on my desk. For a day the bud swelled larger and larger, but the edges and tips of

the petals adhered closely to one another, as though fearful of betraying the secret they held.

Next morning, however, they had spread apart disclosing a dome of marble whiteness; from the center of which hung a bell-like mound of stamen-candles, while just beneath these swung a censer of a thousand fountain mouths dripping honey. Sweet odors like burning incense, were wafted outward from the snowy dome.

An hour passed and the candles slowly, one by one, began to fall away; the fountains ceased their dripping; a few stains were noticeable on the white exterior of the walls.

But, lo, at evening how perfect in its completeness. The last candle had vanished, the fountain of its honeyed tears was dry! No longer reluctant, but with pure petals widespread, it disclosed its fragrant heart that each passing breeze might dip deep into its wealth and bear it to the waiting world.



## Beautify Waste Places

We come with the Spring to greet you. The footprints of Jack Frost have been erased by gentle showers. Old Sol's smiling beams greet us more frequent as days go by. We lovers of flowers can scarcely restrain the desire to don our hats and gloves, and get to work in our flower beds, until the ground is in good condition to receive seeds.

We can take comfort in uncovering our bulbs without fear of injury.

Hoping the idea I wish to present may be novel and interesting to "Vick" readers. I relate an experiment I made a few years ago, proving how unsightly places and small corners may be made beautiful by a little originality. This may appeal to mothers who have little time to spare in a flower garden.

I had little time to use outdoors the spring I refer to, and feeling that I could not well dispense with a few flowers I bided my time, then, when the much coveted time arrived I would start with proper implements to prepare any spot of ground, which did not have sod to sacrifice, and putting in the seed that came handiest to use, I continued day after day until putting in each day a different variety I had quite a collection planted here and there, beneath trees, under the grape

vines, around a pile of old bricks, in corners and in short all odd spaces were filled without knowing whether there would come time to care for them or not, but my efforts were crowned with success. No matter which way the place was approached, the scene was lovely, there was no conflicting of colors. Each had its own beautiful green background, with a surprise farther on. One thing in my yard was a special delight, and the following season was duplicated by several others.

The currant worm completely denuded our gooseberry bushes. One bush stood quite alone, and it seemed so unsightly, I thought of a plan to rid myself of it without digging it up, so, I prepared the earth beneath for sweet peas. This bush stood near a surface drain where water flowed from a cistern pump so the earth was constantly moist, and my friends, unless you have seen one of these mounds, you never can realize its beauty, when later in the season the vigorous bush put forth a new foliage which at a distance resembled moss beneath and around the delicate vine with its peculiar shade of green and gorgeous array of blooms, forming a complete pyramid of flowers.

Late as these were sown they proved a "well spring of pleasure" to me. I consider the old varieties generally give best satisfaction. The bold "Poppy" opening in early morning is a very pretty garden flower. Easily grown, is tall and graceful, being several shades of red and white, fringed and plain, single and double, making quite a variety of its own family. "Larkspur" coming in "true blue" and out-rivaling most others in hardness should never be overlooked, as its color implies it will always prove satisfactory. What ever the conditions, it will not disappoint you.

Then there is the dark-eyed Calliopsis in her bright golden dress, most often, seen wearing brown, dark and velvety, nodding and bowing to all beholders. Being slender and graceful, it outrivals some of her more brilliant sisters. Those preferring small flowers will find her a treasure. Now the last, but by no means least, to mention in consequence is the dear old Phlox Drummondii. Has there ever been a flower grown, more sturdy, more brilliant, and a better bloomer, than this "sure to bloom" old reliable? If there has, I have not made its acquaintance, it will strive to bloom after all thorns are killed by frosts which is always a pleasure to children, as well as to the gardener. Of course there are many others possessing their individual merits, but these few will suffice to give you an idea of the effect produced by clumping separate varieties.

## A Shady Corner

By Anna Lyman.

"If I only had more sun in my yard, I would delight to have flowers," said a lady, and there was such delightful possibilities around her house for the dear little shade loving plants, she never would complain of lack of sun, if she studied the situation a little. Indeed! If I was obliged to part with my shady or sunny beds, I really would choose to keep the first. I have a space between my house and the next, fifteen feet long, and twelve wide, a path runs through the centre to the gate but that gives me a narrow bed, each side. At one end the Lilies of the Valley enjoy themselves, and if one can make those grow, in a shady place, they may be thankful. As for Violets, they grow, and bloom, wherever they can get a foothold. Begonias, are my delight through the summer, and so are the Stevias, while a bit of Tansy makes a very pretty corner. My Umbrella plant likes a cool, moist place, and Swansonias and the Boston Fern, take a summer outing between the houses. One small Palm also keeps it company. I find the shade very useful for plants that are repotted, and that must be kept away from the sun for a few days, like Chrysanthemums, Candy Tuft, Sweet Alyssum, Mignonette, Forget-me-nots, and Ageratum. Many more, do very well, with little, or no sun, and there are all the ornamental grasses, and Tradescantias. Never mourn again over the short comings of your back yard, until you have studied it thoroughly. If you find a tuft of grass, take courage, for wherever grass grows, there many plants can flourish, and you will find working in your shady corner, brings health, and happiness.

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# Hardy Climbing Vines

By Kate Little

There is a graceful charm in climbing vines that adds beauty to the costly dwelling as well as to the humble home. Nature offers nothing more beautiful than vines for the adornment of homes, whether situated on a farm, in the city, or the village. It seems strange that there are any homes without some variety of the large class of hardy vines, when there are varieties suitable for any situation or purpose. Some varieties furnish a dense shade with their abundant and overlapping foliage, others bear a profusion of blossoms; many are fragrant, while each kind has a beauty all its own unsurpassed by others of a similar kind.

Hardy vines take but little room so are especially valuable for the city lot where often but a few square feet is all the chance for plant life. Vines planted in such places, after becoming established, will increase in size and beauty needing little care besides an annual dressing of some fertilizer and pruning to induce a compact growth and keep them where especially needed. This will protect the building from the fierce rays of the sun, making the interior cool and pleasant as well as furnish a screen over doors and windows, securing the inmates from the public gaze.

As coverings for verandas and arbors, vines are especially adapted, furnishing a cool and pleasant place to read, sew or lounge on hot summer days or to spend pleasant evenings in delightful comfort and seclusion.

Vines should be used as hedges or screens along the division line between village lots, allowing each family the pleasure of a measure of privacy without the annoyance of the scrutiny of neighbors. Yards secluded from general observation make pleasant play grounds for children, creating a modest and retiring character in some who would be bold and forward if their play ground were open to public observation.

Both *Aurpelopsis quinquefolia* (the Virginia Creeper) and *Ampelopsis Veitchii* (the Japanese species) are of strong growth, climbing to any desired height and forming a dense shade or screen. Although the blossoms are inconspicuous, the brilliant tints of the foliage in autumn make the vines very ornamental.

A *Nubia quinate*, a Japanese vine with five lobed evergreen foliage, grows rapidly and bears oddly shaped chocolate colored blossoms in May. It needs protection the first and second winters but as it increases in size is quite hardy and should be oftener planted than it is.

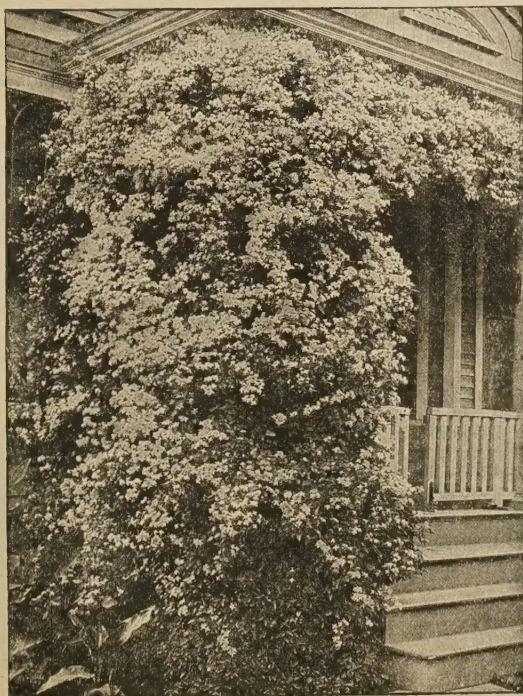
There are three or four varieties of the wisteria, all valuable for their abundant and fragrant blossoms in early spring. They do not produce bloom until several years old but the large trusses are well worth waiting for. *Bignonia radicans* is a large growing vine that has very pleasing foliage and bears large scarlet trumpet shaped flowers in August. These two vines (the Wisteria and Trumpet creeper) make a very good combination when planted near each other, one blooming early, the other late in the season.

Honeysuckles are too well known to need a description and should be planted more generally than they are. They make fine hedges or screens, many of the varieties blooming all summer. The golden leaved variety makes a fine contrast when planted with the others.

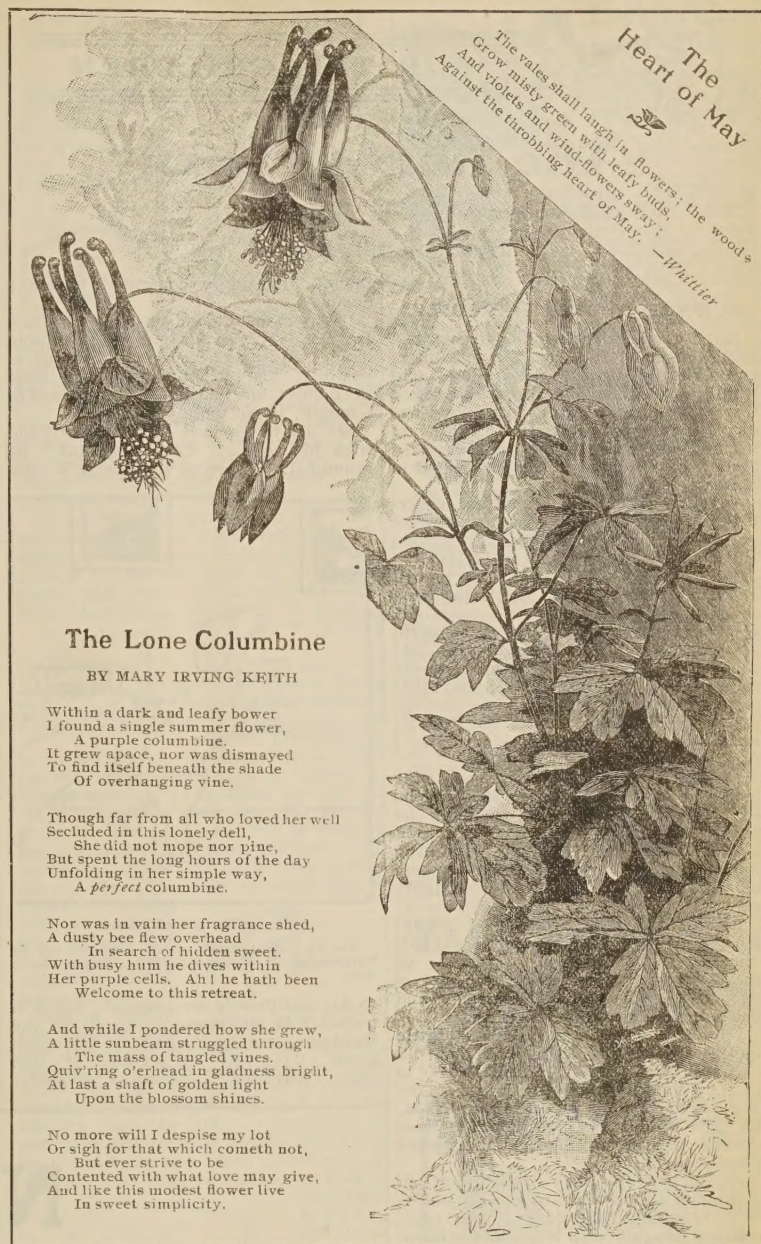
*Clematis* affords the greatest profusion of blossoms and as it dies to the ground each year, growing to the height of fifteen feet or more each season, it is suitable in many situations where other vines would not do at all. The *Jackmanii* or large flowered section blooms profusely in July and continues to bloom more sparingly the rest of the season. Of the small flowering section too much can not be said; all bloom liberally but it would be impossible to describe each one. The different varieties, flowering at different times in the season, afford a succession of bloom from June to October, when the invaluable *Paniculata* seems to out-do all its predecessors in beauty and fragrance.

In a description of climbers, roses cannot be left out as they present the most magnificent objects when in bloom. But roses need an article all to themselves, and they will not care for themselves like the other vines that have been described. To have beautiful roses attention and training must be given but truly the reward is great when they are well cared for.

There are many other vines that are suitable for home adornment; many can be procured wild from the surrounding country only needing to be removed to beautify the places where they are planted, while the prices of all are reasonable if one purchases them. Many barren yards could be changed in a short time to bowers of beauty with a little expense, and some trouble that would be amply repaid in the pleasure all would take in the beautiful transformation.



*Clematis Paniculata*



## The Lone Columbine

BY MARY IRVING KEITH

Within a dark and leafy bower  
I found a single summer flower,  
A purple columbine.  
It grew apace, nor was dismayed  
To find itself beneath the shade  
Of overhanging vine.

Though far from all who loved her well  
Secluded in this lonely dell,  
She did not moan nor pine,  
But spent the long hours of the day  
Unfolding in her simple way,  
A perfect columbine.

Nor was in vain her fragrance shed,  
A dusty bee flew overhead  
In search of hidden sweet.  
With busy hum he dives within  
Her purple cells. Ah! he hath been  
Welcome to this retreat.

And while I pondered how she grew,  
A little sunbeam struggled through  
The mass of tangled vines.  
Quivering o'erhead in gladness bright,  
At last a shaft of golden light  
Upon the blossom shines.

No more will I despise my lot  
Or sigh for that which cometh not,  
But ever strive to be  
Contented with what love may give,  
And like this modest flower live  
In sweet simplicity.

## A Day with Queen Columbine

By Edward A. Rand

Today, I am a boy again. It is a spring day and I am going to some old woods that I will let remain in a beloved privacy, simply giving them the unfamiliar name "Smith's Woods." Why I have ventured on this outing, I can hardly say. It is a day of rough wind and sullen sky, and these are not tempting. In the spring though, people have impulses to go some where and do something and these promptings may come to us with all the agreeableness of a hurdygurdy's notes in dull August. So I am off to the woods just because it is spring. By the time I have reached them, the spring is out of me. I am tired. There is a limp to my gait and I pant like a mule, pulling a big army wagon. Mule, I say, for a show obstinacy, I would come. I am an old fellow with a rheumatic twinge in my legs now and then, and I ought not to have left the cosy warm corner of my study with a fire-place.

Smith's woods—how gloomily green they look. What a dreary droop there is to the clouds. How the seawind bores like a gimlet into my lungs—but there is "the pair of bars" in the rough stone wall about the woods. "Pair!" Why do they call six rails only "two?" I am ready to criticise everything and especially the mule that would come to these disagreeable pines. I stumble over the bars. I go limping down a cart path. I am about to climb a low hill rather ledgy with old stunted pines here and there like worn out, ragged veterans on guard to keep out mules and other persistent animals.

But why do I stop? Suddenly, about two feet away, growing at the base of a ledge I see a plant that lifts the most graceful floral banner in the

world. I see two colors, a heart of gold, and wings of scarlet. Years ago, I said again and again that they were the prettiest, dearest little birds in gold and scarlet that the world could furnish.

"Columbine!" I cry and rush forward. Yes, Queen Columbine. I am her knight. My rheumatism drops like a discarded garment. The clouds are off from the heavens. The sea-wind has gone back to the Atlantic, and I have gone back to my youth. I bow to the plant. I kiss its petals, and then I pluck them. In my eagerness, I pull the plant up by the roots. Queen Columbine by the roots! At first, I stare in despair. Then I smile; I murmured, "I will take it home and plant it in our garden." I not only had one Columbine, but that solitary pilgrim quickly had the company of half a dozen others on its travels. In my garden, is there not a dry place that will suit these volatile, sweet creatures of the spring, a little elevation suggestive of the rise of ground in Smith's woods, with a stony foundation to ensure good drainage? I smile and nod assent. I can think of the right place. Already there is a faint, delicate odor of Smith's woods stealing to me from my garden, and that elevation becomes a step up in the direction of Paradise.

May I ask a question? Why not make the cultivation of this lovely flower a specialty? Bring the wild one into your garden—no, let me withdraw that adjective,—say exoteric or exotic. Of course you know that the home of my queen is an elevation in Smith's woods, and it sounds very lowly though an elevation. To an old gardener however is there any rarer place than the scene of his boyhood rambles? Any such spot, for him, borders upon Paradise. It is above and beyond the ordinary. We have then exotic

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## FOR THE CHILDREN

### The Story of Trixy

IN FOUR PARTS.

By Benjamin Keech

#### PART III.

##### HOW TRIXY GOT INTO TROUBLE.

Not a great while after the circus a bad thing happened for the Floyd family, and Trixy was partly—Mr. Floyd said wholly—to blame for it. It happened this way: One morning Mr. Floyd was driving the cows down the road to pasture when a horse and carriage, driven rapidly along, caused him to turn out for it to pass.

"Hello, Floyd!" called the fat, cheerful voice of Squire Hayes. "How are you, this morning? You're the very one I'm looking for. I want to ask you"—drawing his horse to a walk—"if it will make any difference if I don't pay you the \$25.00 for that heifer this morning? I had the money laid out, but last night I received a telegram from my wife, saying she was sick in B—, and I'm on my way to the train now. I had no other money handy, so I'm forced to use the \$25.00 intended for you. But it won't matter, will it—you aren't needing it, I suppose?"

Now Mr. Floyd was not in need of the money and there was no reason why he should act as he did; but suddenly he decided to be unpleasant.

"Eh! what's that?" he said, squinting up at Squire Hayes. "Can't pay my money that's due to-day? It's mighty strange."

At this moment, Trixy who always recognized Squire Hayes as one of his warmest friends, began a series of short, joyous barks, put his fore feet on one of the steps of the carriage and begged anxiously to be taken in.

Floyd, of course, saw him. "Little fool," he thought, "to like that old cheat. I'll fix you." He bent over to pick up a clod of mud to throw at the dog, but the deed was never accomplished, for just as his hand was about to close over the missile a strange and unexpected thing happened.

An industrious honey bee, intent on gathering his breakfast from the strawberry blossoms at the sides of the road, collided sharply with Mr. Floyd's hand, became excited and inflicted a sharp, little wound. With an oath the man jerked back and put his hand hastily to his mouth. "Stung like blazes!" he muttered.

"Put some soft mud on it, Mr. Floyd, some soft mud," advised Squire Hayes, from his carriage. "It will do more good than anything else."

Floyd angrily faced around and blurted out, "Oh, come, my good Samaritan, don't give any advice till you stop riding around on other people's money." Squire Hayes, half surprised and half amused, chirruped to Lady Isabella, and away they jogged in the direction of the depot.

Mr. Floyd, who prided himself on his "grit" paid no attention to his hand, but went about his work as usual. The day was very hot and Mr. Floyd worked very hard—perhaps to keep pace with his thoughts. Before night his hand was swelling severely and causing him a great deal of distress.

"Get a poultice ready, Minerva," he said, as he came in to supper, "and do it quick. Do you think I can stand all sorts of pain and not do anything for it?"

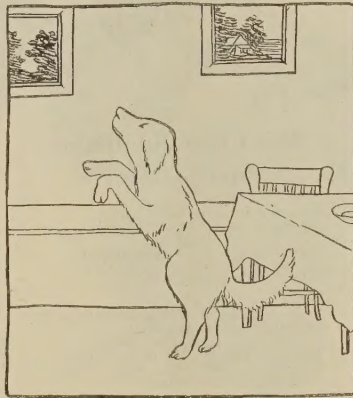
Mrs. Floyd hustled around and prepared the poultice. "I hope it will be better by tomorrow," she said, gently, as she tied the bandage in place. He scowled and scinged with pain as he watched her. "No doubt you do," said he, crustily, "so I can get out to work from under your feet."

However, Mr. Floyd did not go to work again for a great many weeks. The bee sting proved to be quite serious, and for two days and two nights he suffered great pain with it, then finally

though grudgingly consented to see a doctor.

"Why man, this is bad, sir, bad," said Dr. Bemis, as he examined the swollen hand. "Just as near blood poisoning as possible, and yet not be. You must keep quiet, sir, and not exert yourself in a month, if not more."

Mr. Floyd groaned—both in spirit and with his voice. "Confound it all!" he grumbled. "There's the spring's work



Prize Picture of Trixy.

Won by L. W. Furbish, a ten year old boy in Portsmouth, N. H., who signs his name like a man.

to do, and there's the expense, which'll probably be enormous,—way up in the hundreds, maybe." And he groaned, again. "It's all on account of that beastly little dog," he thought, savagely.

"Oh, if I'd only known enough to turn him out in the rain that night! Ough!"

Time slipped rapidly away and the last week in May had come. Mr. Floyd sat on the east porch, a newspaper on his knee, and the wounded hand laid gingerly on the arm of his chair. He was all alone today. Mrs. Floyd and the children were planting corn in the lot back of the house. Charlie and Neva had come out of school to do their share of the work.

Mr. Floyd read a few words from his paper, grew fidgety and let his gaze roam restlessly over the landscape. As he glanced down the road, he observed three men approaching in his direction.

"Hello!" he thought. "Who's that? Why, as I live, its the assessors. Oh, dear, I wonder if they'll assess my property any higher'n they did last year? If they do"—looking around for an appropriate expression—"I'll die—I know I shall."

Up the road advanced the assessors, and into the yard. They seated themselves comfortably on the porch, and after enquiring about Mr. Floyd's health, began to play him with questions to which he answered "yes" or "no" as the case might be.

"By the way," said one of them, as he poised his pencil thoughtfully over his book, "you don't keep a dog, do you? You never do, I understand?"

"Oh, no, I never have the brutes around; too much trouble and expense." Then suddenly recollecting himself, Mr. Floyd stammered: "Oh—er—yes;—there is a dog that is staying here, but—er—ah!"

"A dog staying with you? One that you feed, house, care for and have no disposition to part with or drive away?"

"Why—er—yes; that is, I suppose so," growled Mr. Floyd.

"In that case," said the assessor, turning the leaves of his book, "we shall have to put you down for a small additional tax—a dog tax of fifty cents."

"You will, will you?" snapped Mr. Floyd. "Well, I'd like to see you do it. I won't pay two cents—let alone fifty—on a beastly little dog. No sir."

"Very well, Mr. Floyd; if that is the case,—if you refuse to pay fifty cents on the dog in question, you must give us your word as a gentleman that you will have him made away with before night

—you must have him killed before sunset."

"I'll do it," said Mr. Floyd emphatically. "I'll see that he's killed. Now, don't forget yourselves and put me down for an extra fifty cents, will you?"

(Concluded in June issue.)

#### The Little Bird that Tells.

He cocked his head upon one side,—  
This funny little bird,—  
And this is what I heard him say  
(Or what I thought I heard):

"A common English sparrow's what  
You think me, I suppose!  
If so, you're much mistaken;  
I'm a bird that no one knows!"

"My specialty is secrets;  
I hear them everywhere—  
On crowded streets, on boats, in parks,  
From wires up in the air."

"I quickly fly and carry them  
To where some gossip dwells,  
In short, my dear, you see in me  
The Little Bird that Tells!"

My train came in just then, and hid  
The little scamp from view;  
But I have pondered what he said,  
And pass it on to you.

So, if you're telling secrets  
To your cronies, and should spy  
A sparrow hopping on the path,  
Or on a tree near by,

Pray, whisper low in Clara's ear,  
And lower still in Nell's;  
For what if he should prove to be  
The Little Bird that Tells?"

From Baby Days.

#### Under the Green-Wood Tree.

Under the green-wood tree  
Who loves to lie with me,  
And tune his merry note  
Unto the sweet bird's throat,  
Come hither, come hither, come hither;  
Here shall he see  
No enemy  
But winter and rough weather,  
The cock that is the trumpet to the  
morn,  
Doth with his lofty and shrill-sounding  
throat,  
Awake the god of day."

Shakespeare.

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### New Puzzles.

#### No. 1, Charade—

O, one, put on some water to two,  
This is quite cold and I'm sure I can't do  
Any washing with water that's quite so  
whole,  
It will two right away, if you put on  
some coal.

Marie.

#### No. 2, Word Square—

1. A drink made from potatoes.
2. The weight of twelve grains.
3. A kind of tea.
4. To make dim.
5. To long.

Palmer.

#### No. 3, Mysterious Heads—

There's a head which is a negative sign,  
And a head that tends to make one fine.  
There's a head that deters one in their  
course,  
And a head that betokens lots of force.

There's a head whose errand it is to  
glow,  
And a head that surely leads to woe,  
There's a head that's a very unwelcome  
guest,  
And a head that's used when one's at rest.

F. C. R.

#### No. 4, Right Rhomboid—

Across:

1. The best part. 2. The edge of a roof.
3. That which remains. 4. Royal.
5. To bestow.

Down:

1. A letter. 2. A prefix.
3. A part of the head. 4. To affirm.
5. A fight. 6. A signal.
7. A runner. 8. An exclamation.
9. A letter.

Frances C. Rood.

#### No. 5, Geographical Acrostic—

1. A range of mountains high,
2. And now a western state descry;
3. While here's a wellknown sea;
4. And here a town of northern Italy;
5. This city to the sky is near;
6. A famous sailor's birthplace here;
7. You'll now behold I think real  
plain,  
A river found in central Spain.

Five-lettered words are all of these,  
Select aright, arrange to please;  
And reading downward, middle tier,  
You'll see "a favorite," "a dear,"  
Or yet a river, quite as clear,  
That's found in southern hemisphere.

Marie Thompson.

#### No. 6, Matched Syllables—

(Change one metal into another by using the last syllable of each word for the first syllable of the next.)

1. A metal of reddish color.
2. An individual. 3. A poem.
4. A fabric of threads. 5. A laborer.
6. The land belonging to a lord.
7. Pertaining to the mouth.
8. To yield. 9. Humble.
10. A portion of the brain. 11. A bird.
12. A city. 13. A country.
14. A kind of picture. 15. A wild fellow.
16. Easy. 17. A noted man.
18. Pertaining to the throat.
19. A white metal.

F. C. R.

#### No. 7, Numerical—

The gentle 9, 16, and 2, 11,  
Has hung its 15, 19, 6, and 4;  
On every 12, 17, 14, and 8,  
My heart has known and loved in days  
of yore.

- 16, 15, 16, and 10 and 20,  
My wandering feet the paths of child-  
hood tread;
- 18, 2, 7, with mists the bosky glades,  
And 3, 2, 1, my eyes with tears unshed.

But soon breaks forth the 4, and 5, 11;  
Stands jewel-decked each green and  
leafy dome;  
So 4, 13, 10, 20, 8, and 4,  
Within my heart the joy of coming  
home.

Mrs. M. K. Flint.

#### No. 8, Word Square—

1. An instrument for digging the ground.
2. A species of hickory.
3. Sharp.
4. Something admitted.
5. Adversary.

Frances C. Rood.

#### No. 9, Charade—

I one my old piece o'er and o'er, but  
yet can't get it learned,  
Any other but my teacher would before  
this have discerned;  
That's it's much too long and tried at  
least to whole it, O, land,  
I guess she's rather two, she doesn't seem  
to understand.

Marie.

#### No. 10, Word Square.

1. To rub out.
2. To carouse.
3. To shun.
4. To grab.
5. Older.

Frances.

### Prizes.

1. For the best list of solutions to the puzzles in this issue from a gentleman solver, a pair of Cuff Buttons, Roman gold plate, round link bars, will be awarded.
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7. For the best form puzzle, as a square, diamond, etc., another pair of pictures.

Contest closes May 31st, by which date all solutions and new tangles must reach the editor.

Answers to the puzzles in this issue, with a list of the prize winners, will be published in the July issue.

### Answers to March Puzzles.

- |         |   |            |           |            |           |
|---------|---|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| No. 1.  | 1. Negro.   | 2. Yellow. | 3. Malay. | 4. Indian. | 5. White. |
| No. 2.  | RAVEN<br>ADORE<br>VOTES<br>ERECT<br>NESTS   |            |           |            |           |
| No. 3.  | Society.  |            |           |            |           |
| No. 4.  | D-omai-N<br>E-ngag-E<br>N-ugge-T<br>V-elve-T<br>E-name-L<br>R-emot-E  |            |           |            |           |
| No. 5.  | Tenant.   |            |           |            |           |
| No. 6.  | His umbrella.   |            |           |            |           |
| No. 7.  | Decoration Day.   |            |           |            |           |
| No. 8.  | 1. owes, woes. 2. skees, seeks.<br>3. quote, toque 4. sate, seat, teas.   |            |           |            |           |
| No. 9.  | OPERATOR<br>PARAGON<br>ERASED<br>RASPS<br>AGES<br>TOD<br>ON<br>R  |            |           |            |           |
| No. 10. | Pitchers have ears.   |            |           |            |           |
| No. 11. | 1. dogwood; 2. violet; 3. jack-in-the-pulpit; 4. marigold; 5. chrysanthemums; 6. larkspur; 7. orchid; 8. tulip. |            |           |            |           |
| No. 12. | Legatee.  |            |           |            |           |

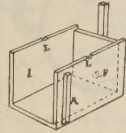
### Prize Winners.

1. R. L. Johnson, Detroit, Mich.
2. J. G. Shearer, Washington, D. C.
3. Little Boy Blue, Chicago, Ills.
4. Flora, Montrose, Pa.
5. Franc C. Rogers, Decatur, Mich.
6. Edith F. Peters, Upham's Corner, Mass.

## To Make an Animal Trap.

BY SCHUYLER BULL.

A common experience among trappers is, that when one trap has caught a number of animals others will avoid that trap only to be caught in others just like it. Traps made like the one described below

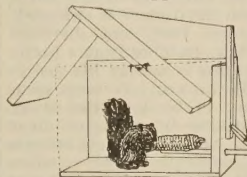


have been successfully used wherever trapping is done, both for animals and birds. They can be made by anyone and are very handy to catch rats and mice and are easy to replace when they get stale while with proper bait they may catch larger and wilder animals. They are ordinarily called figure four traps from the arrangement of the trigger which looks like that figure when the trap is set. In the picture with the squirrel the trap will drop the instant he moves the ear of corn in the slightest.

To make the trap, take an end and one side out of a box without splitting the boards if possible; if the sides of the box are made up of several pieces nail cleats on the outside to hold them together as shown at A drawing No. 1, and B drawing No. 2.

Nail the end and side you have taken out together as shown in drawing No. 2, and measure carefully so as to get them the same distance from the end. Put in two nails as shown at CD, in drawing No. 2, these are for the lid of the trap to work on. Put the lid in place in the box as shown in drawing No. 3 so that it will work as shown. Cut notches L where the nails come so that the end E will be as shown when trap is closed. Now trim with your knife any places that rub, so the trap will drop quickly when let go.

Bore a hole in the end of the box, the size of your finger, for the bait stick to go through as shown at F. Now make the bait stick G a little shorter than the inside of the box and a little smaller than the hole so that it can be put through from the inside after tying on the bait; make a notch at one end as shown. The trigger is about as long as



your hand is wide, and sharpened to an edge at each end and is shown at H. The upright I has a notch as shown and is as long as the box is tall. Drive in the nails as shown; put the bait stick in its hole; put one end of the trigger in the notch in the bait stick and the other end in the notch in the upright so that the sticks are as shown at H in drawing No. 3, and nail the upright to the box; fasten a piece of string to the trigger as shown at H in drawing No. 2 and a tack at K. Put the lid on the trap, set the trigger as shown at H drawing No. 3, lift the lid of the trap as shown and, passing the string tied to the trigger over the upright as shown, fasten it to the tack at K. The trap is now set. The bait must be tied to the bait stick G and a couple of strips of tin tacked across the notches L to prevent the trapped animal lifting the lid off.

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# THE MOTHER'S MEETING

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

By Victoria Wellman.



## Motto for May.

Trust that future good will spring,  
Blossom-like along the way;  
Prize each present, blessed thing;  
Take the joy of every day.

## A Little Parable for the Busy Mothers.

Once a dear little woman lost two little charms—the joint gift of God and a good man, her husband. She hunted long for them, searching in parlors, ballrooms and theatres. She crowded men from the great, gaunt buildings where they earned bread for their families and hunted there for her lost jewels. She did things that made the world take a quick breath and then call her "a good fellow." But she found them not.

Wearied and sad she went back to the beginning and there, in kitchen and nursery, she found the two white stones, and written on one was "Happiness" and on the other "Love."

Drudgery means joyless service. One reason a mother seems able to bear a too heavy burden of work is that love inspires her daily. Yet common sense should rule and thus prevent the mistake of housecleaning on a scale which means irritability and illness, or of washing too much in one day "to save time," unless circumstances grimly force one's life. Some mothers need to learn how to neglect work more and babies less. Some mothers demonstrate their love only on the washboard and sewing machine and cook their sweetest selves into pies and cakes so they may spend weary hours in night nursing of little victims of too much (mistaken) kindness. Some turn the babies off with ignorant impure street acquaintances so that they may not be bothered by the noise. Some, however, remain as proofs of, wise, sweet unselfish motherhood and desire to be first to see that no harm befalls the child, in soul, mind or body.

Mothers need more help on these moral matters which arise before the third year and never cease perplexing as time passes. I gladly direct all my readers attention to two splendid magazines which you may club with Vick's, I am sure. One is "Baby," a particularly suitable periodical for young mothers, published in Louisville, Kentucky; the other is that crown of success worn by Dr. Mary Wood Allen whose helpful books enable mothers to teach truth on sex matters to the youngest inquirer—"American Motherhood," Boston, Mass.

"Better to strive and climb  
And never reach the goal,  
Than to drift along with time—  
An aimless, worthless soul.  
Aye, better to climb, and fall,  
Or sow, though the yield be small,  
Than to throw away day after day,  
And never strive at all."

## The Young Mother.

The nursing mother, of whose enviable privilege I never tire of extolling, should know not only how to prepare breast and nipples for the future before the child's arrival, but also how to care for herself after, especially when weaning her baby. Much injury is done by careless nurses with old-time forms of clay pipes, bottles and breast-pumps leading to the sure deformity of the mother's bust. Weaning time should be approached gradually both for sake of the mother and the babe and when finally the event arises, the day when baby ceases to cuddle and coax so sweetly the mother will find less pain or "caked breasts" to treat. It is not safe to disregard a swollen breast and a gored muslin bust supporter should be worn just snugly close to prevent the dragging sensation sure to be felt. A little milk can be extracted daily to pre-

vent caking and warm oil gently rubbed into the skin stroking the knotty lumps carefully, and applying a little, very little, camphor. This soon "dries" the milk. If for any reason the breast is sore and full, apply hot cloths ere using any form of breast pump, meanwhile avoiding the use of much liquid.

Much serious damage is done, especially to frail children, by continuing nursing too long or until the milk ceases to be a nourishing food. It is no safeguard for a selfish, fearful woman (though so often commended) and none for the child. Sometimes the milk is so very poor by the sixth month that it is unsafe even to help out with other diet during hottest days of mid-summer, and the baby more safely risks what is, otherwise, a most risky ordeal, i. e., total weaning in hot weather.

Babies who need weaning should not be carried into May unless unavoidable. Properly managed few babies ever worry and fret while being weaned (as I can testify) or lose noticeably in weight. Once I weaned a six month's infant in July, using prepared foods, and there was no set back or demonstration on the child's part, and the results are commonly so similar that it is nearly a modern fact that average American women are wiser to wean babies when six months old.

A very useful idea during weaning is to give baby a daily oil rub, and let it lie in the strongest sunshine for a few minutes before dressing. The oil feeds the body admirably. During teething, for extreme irritability, even two full hot baths are useful to soothe baby's nerves and in lieu of soothing syrups for sleeplessness.

Weaning bottle babies is not difficult. It is usually advisable to retain milk foods even when the dietary is enlarged, up to the second year, and therefore whether King Baby imbibes from a bottle or from a pretty cup is merely his babyish habit easily broken. It may seem strange to some to be told that many children are injured by milk of clear strength, others can drink new or even hot milk of full strength but never when it is cool. Others require lime water or salt added at times. You will find diluted cream safer, very often, than milk itself. The earlier perfectly fresh buttermilk is added to the diet the better, but the hopelessness of city children's ever obtaining "fresh" buttermilk and the many mothers on farms who refuse to believe it injures milk to "set" in rusty pans or butter to be made from too sour cream or in ill smelling churns, rather discourages me from attempting to advise just how early in any case to begin using buttermilk in the diet even though a scientist dubs it "an elixir of life," tho' I may risk advising those who know they really have properly made buttermilk to not spoil its results by excess, to first use it with care in cold weather along with diet known to be safe and then watch the child's bowel actions for proofs.

To what are we reduced, we twentieth century mothers! Food adulterations caused the death of 455,000 infants last year! One inspector of butter poisoned. Milk containing rank poisons known as "preservatives." Bread so seldom home made, canned goods so liable to create ptomaine poisoning yet steadily increasing in use and withal such high prices for goods which may not even be pure. Surely tis time for everyone to own a cow, to have pure milk and butter and raise, cook or can, every item of food. A point not to overlook with infants is to secure sensible variety both of taste

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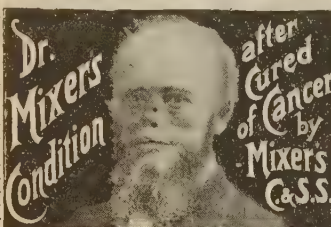
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## THE HOUSEHOLD



### Washing White Clothes.

Plenty of water is necessary if you wish the clothes to look clear and white after they are washed, and of course soft water should be used if it is possible to get it. When necessary to use hard water, soften it by putting a heaping tablespoonful of concentrated lye in a tubful of water, and allowing it to settle. If it is put in the night before the washing is done, the water will be ready to use the next morning. Sometimes the water is soft, but not clear. A tablespoonful of alum dissolved and added to a barrelful will cause the dirt to settle to the bottom, and leave the water clear. The soap is also an important item especially for white clothes, and we have found ivory soap excellent for muslins and white flannels, or anything else that we are very particular about. Prepare a good hot suds and put it in the boiler, then put in the whitest clothes and cover the tub so that the heat and steam may be kept in. Allow the clothes to soak one hour. They can then be washed very easily; when they are taken from this water, put them in the boiler and allow them to scald while the second lot of clothes is being washed. When taken out, add soft cold water to make them cool enough to handle. Wash them out and rinse through two waters. Hard water is best for rinsing, with just enough bluing to make the clothes look clear.

White flannel and other woolen goods will not shrink if washed in hot water in which enough soap is dissolved to make a strong suds. The rinse water should be of the same temperature as the water in which they are washed and soft water should always be used for flannels.

E. J. C.

### The Housekeeper Should

Always keep steel ornaments in powdered starch to prevent their rusting.

Always make starch with soapy water, which will give better gloss to the linen and prevent the irons from sticking.

Always invert the washtubs and put a little water on the bottom of them, so they will not dry out and leak before the following washday.

Always rub a little soft (not melted) butter over the top of bread dough when in a mass, and after being molded into loaves, this prevents a hard crust.

Never read, nor sew, nor write immediately after coming from comparative darkness into a bright light, if you have good eyes and would keep them good.

Always see that the shoes are properly cared for when taken off at night; straighten and smooth out the wrinkles, draw down from the instep and pull up from the heel.

Always open tinned fruit or vegetables an hour or two before they are needed, that the flavor may be improved. And always empty the contents of a tin can into a glass or china dish as soon as it is opened.

Never despair when linen seems hopelessly scorched from an overheated iron; soak the stain in luke warm water, squeeze lemon juice on it, sprinkle a little salt over it, and place in the sunshine to bleach.

Never paper a wall that is inclined to be damp, without first making it impervious to moisture, which may be done by applying a varnish of one part shellac to two of naphtha. The disagreeable odor will soon disappear and, after papering, there will be no more trouble from moisture stains.

### Old-Fashioned Scent Bags.

Some who have mothers, and more who have had grandmothers, recall that delightful fragrance that characterized all their belongings, a fragrance indefinitely better than the finest cologne or sachet powder, the perfume that comes only from carefully dried flowers and herbs. Before roses have begun to fade, after the dew has dried in the morning or before it falls at night is the best time to pick the petals; place on a perfectly new tin or an earthen flat dish and put

in a warm place for half an hour (to let the insects crawl out), then keep very hot for a few hours, until the petals are dry as dust; then mix in a little salt, put on a clean earthen dish in the sun for a further drying before putting in the bags. It is imperative that every particle of moisture be driven out, or mould, must or sourness will result. One or two leaves of sweet-scented geranium added to two quarts of fresh petals are a pleasant addition.

Those who like potpourri will mix other fragrant flowers with the rose leaves, and when perfectly dry add to one quart of leaves one teaspoonful of salt, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful of cassia buds, a pinch of any other spice but pepper and mustard, and a few drops of any fragrant essential oil, although to my mind the real rose fragrance is most desirable. If the rich, heavy roses are not available, the common ones that grow wild in the country make nice sachets and pillows. Any other flowers may be preserved in exactly the same way, always remembering to get them perfectly dry. The sweet white clover the honey bees love (which is regarded as a noxious weed in some states) is especially nice for bed linen.

Sweet grass, thyme, lavender, rosemary, etc., dried, rolled into little bundles six inches long, covered with white lawn and tied with baby ribbon the prevailing color of a room, are a pleasant souvenir for friends and useful in one's own home.

But no amount of scent bags will keep a house or furnishings sweet—only absolute, unceasing cleanliness and pure air will give that exquisite atmosphere that characterized the model house of the old regime.

Lillian Wright in Good Housekeeping.

### Keep this in the Kitchen.

	Make
2 cups of lard.....	1 lb
2 cups of butter.....	1 lb
4 cups pastry or bread flour.....	1 lb
3 3/4 cups entire wheat flour.....	1 lb
4 1/2 cups graham flour.....	1 lb
4 1/2 cups rye flour.....	1 lb
2 3/4 cups cornmeal.....	1 lb
4 3/4 cups rolled oats.....	1 lb
2 1/2 cups oatmeal.....	1 lb
4 1/2 cups coffee.....	1 lb
2 cups granulated sugar.....	1 lb
2 3/4 cups powdered sugar.....	1 lb
3 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar.....	1 lb
2 3/4 cups brown sugar.....	1 lb
2 cups chopped meat.....	1 lb
1 7/8 cups rice.....	1 lb
2 cups raisins (packed).....	1 lb
2 1/4 cups currants.....	1 lb
2 cups stale bread crumbs.....	1 lb
9 large eggs.....	1 lb
2 tablespoonfuls butter.....	1 oz
4 tablespoonfuls flour.....	1 oz
6 tablespoonfuls baking powder.....	1/2 oz
3 teaspoonfuls.....	1 tablespoon
16 tablespoonfuls dry ingred'nts.....	1 cup

**PLAIN CAKE**—Three teacupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, two teacupfuls of sugar, half a teacupful of butter, one teacupful of milk, three eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately. Flavor with lemon or vanilla.

### A New Fruit Box.

There is to be found in our advertising columns a novelty in the way of a fruit package which promises much for growers. We refer to the Ferres Fruit Box. If the claims made for it in the advertisement are well founded it is going to be popular all at once and will shortly take the place of wooden boxes. It is manufactured by the J. W. Sefton Mfg. Co., Anderson, Indiana.

The Ferres Box is made of corrugated paper, properly water-proofed. It is made to keep its shape by re-inforcing with tin and wood veneer. Beside being cheaper and lighter, a great advantage it has over wooden boxes, is that it does not have to be nailed together and still is shipped packed flat, or in knocked down form. It is simply stretched or pulled into proper shape, something after the manner of egg case fillers. No tools or nailing is required. It is also claimed to be an excellent non-conductor of heat and cold. This is one of its strongest points. It will secure it a large use for marketing the perishable and high priced fruits. Growers are recommended to packers and shippers of fruit that they look up this Sefton advertisement and write to the Sefton Company for further particulars.

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### Some Western Ideas.

MRS. S., DAKOTA.

A good hand saver and an excellent daily stove polisher is an old flat shoe brush or "polisher." After the shoe-polishing cloth has worn off any old soft cloth can be tacked on and thus the brush will last indefinitely.

If any one has to use a plain table, bench, or box for a wash stand here is a convenient, cheap, and easily cleaned wall "splasher" to use and it saves the wall so much too.

Take a piece of oil cloth a little wider than the washstand, and long enough to reach from behind the mirror to just below the stand. (If one wishes to economize with the oilcloth let the cloth come on out from the wall over the stand all in one piece.)

Cut fancy shaped pockets from the oilcloth, pink the edges, (except top which must be bound or turned under and stitched,) and sew on for receiving comb, brush, small mirror, hair pins, etc.

Place a cover of oil-cloth to match on stand and it makes a neat looking as well as useful article.

### Watch the Drainage.

O. A. M.

Yesterday while looking at my carnations and wondering what was the matter with them I happened to glance at the bottom of the can and saw there was no drainage whatever. Taking an awl I made an opening, and my! how the stagnant water poured out. No knowing how long that had been souring the plant, causing it to blast.

In the porcelain and earthen pots and soft wood the moisture seems to draw into the pots without drainage, causing no bad effects, but tin and hard wood have to be watched, even if all right at potting.

Last summer I transplanted a large hydrangea into a fifty pound hard wood tub, expecting it to do fine, but for a couple of months I thought sure it was going to die. One day Mr. M—turned it on its side and said, "Why! there aren't any holes in it, it must be the drainage that ails it." He took the anger and bored two or three holes in it and you ought to have seen it grow after that. This spring it is getting started fine.

I do certainly think that improper drainage is one great cause for amateur flower raisers failures.

### A Convenient Boot Box.

M. A. M., NOVA SCOTIA.

Perhaps some farmer's wife is annoyed as I have been, with men's and boys' boots and shoes lying around the kitchen floor. I will tell of my latest contrivance to save appearances. I took a large box about four feet long (longer would be better,) sixteen inches wide, and sixteen deep; turned it on its side so as to bring the opening in front, put a partition in the middle, which makes it stronger as a seat; left one part the full size for long boots and put a shelf in the other so as to make two places for shoes. Then I cushioned the top and put a drapery around ends and front, leaving it open at the corners for convenience in throwing the front curtain up when necessary. This makes quite a comfortable seat and keeps the boots conveniently near yet out of the way and out of sight.

### To Cook Lima Beans.

E. C. W.

Soak one large cup of beans over night, when ready to cook pop them out of their skins, put them to cook in enough cold water to more than cover them. Cook for an hour slowly so they will not boil to pieces, boil the water down on them, season with one tablespoonful butter, pepper and salt, just before you serve add a half cup of sweet milk or cream.

### Good Recipes From California.

M. MCL.

**SNICKER DOODLES**—Two cups sugar, two eggs, two-thirds cup butter, one cup sweet milk, four cups flour, pinch of salt, one teaspoonful soda and two teaspoonfuls cream of tartar. Drop from a large spoon into a dripping pan and bake in a rather quick oven. When done sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar which have been well mixed together.

**CHEAP FRUIT CAKE**—One cup butter, one cup brown sugar, one cup molasses, one cup sweet milk, three cups flour, three eggs, one pound raisins, one pound currants, one teaspoonful each cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and soda, one tablespoonful brandy. Bake for two hours in a slow oven.

**HERMET**—Three eggs, one cup sugar, one cup butter, one-half cup molasses, one cup chopped raisins, one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, allspice and cloves.

**PINOCHÉ**—Put one cup rich milk into an agate saucepan with two cups brown sugar and a small piece of butter. Place over the fire and let boil until it forms a soft ball when dropped into cold water. Take from the fire and stir one cup walnuts into it, stir until cool, pour into a well buttered platter and set away until cold then cut into cubes.

**GINGER COOKIES**—One cup molasses, one cup brown sugar, one-half cup lard, three-fourths cup water, one tablespoonful ginger and cinnamon, one teaspoonful soda, flour to handle.

### Two Good Recipes.

HANNAH I. JOHNSON.

**CRULLERS**—Four teaspoonfuls of sugar, a piece of butter the size of a walnut, one teaspoonful of sweet milk, five eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, flavor with half a nutmeg, flour enough to make stiff. Roll out about quarter of an inch thick, cut with a cruller cutter, and fry in hot lard. They may be sprinkled with pulverized sugar and improved.

**SWISS CAKE**—One fourth cupful butter, one and one half cupfuls sugar, two and one half cupfuls flour, one cupful sweet milk, two eggs, two teaspoonfuls baking powder. Stir butter and sugar to a cream, add eggs well beaten separately, mix and flavor with lemon. When cold ice with boiled icing.

### Salad Dressing, Potato and Egg Salad.

C. M. B.

The best salad dressing that I know of for egg or potato salad is made as follows: Put six tablespoons of cream in a double boiler and add three teaspoons of mustard, three teaspoons of sugar, and one-half teaspoon of salt, mixed together in a little cold milk. Beat two eggs and stir into the cream, and last of all stir in six tablespoons of vinegar. Cook about one minute after vinegar is added.

For potato salad, slice your potatoes, sprinkle with onion juice, chopped parsley and a few capers, cover with the boiled dressing and serve on lettuce leaves.

Egg salad can be made by slicing six hard boiled eggs, mixing them with the dressing and serving on lettuce leaves, with a few capers sprinkled over the top.

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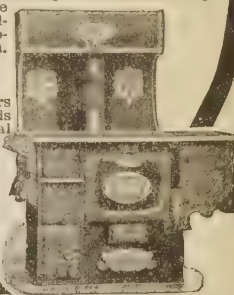
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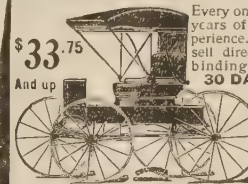
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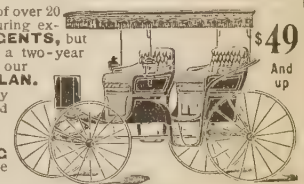
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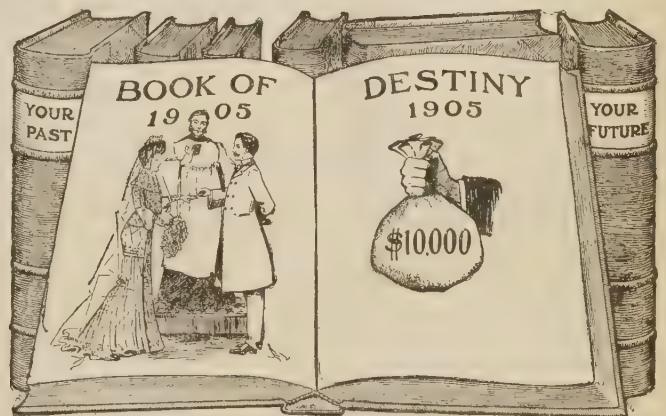
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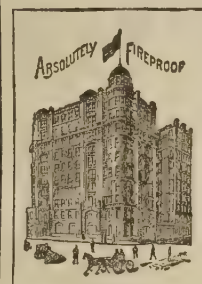
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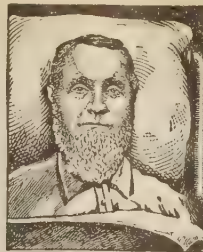
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The third in a series of twelve articles by Chester A. Olmstead the well-known authority on honey bees. I hope these articles which began in our March issue, will induce many of our readers to keep one or more colonies of these wonderful little workers.—Ed.

May is a month of great rejoicing with the bees. Flowers are blooming in every nook and corner, dandelions form a golden carpet in many fields, while orchards in bloom with the beautiful green fields and forests as a background make it—to my mind—the most beautiful of all the year.

The bees get a large amount of pollen and honey from these blossoms, the honey is of a light amber color, and as a usual thing they use most of it for rearing brood. But when a colony is strong enough to gather a surplus they should be supplied with boxes in which to store it. This is a very important matter, because if they do not have any other place to put it they will store too much of it in their brood combs, often filling them so full that the Queen has no empty cells in which to lay her eggs, and this is the time when we want her to do her very best, for they would hatch just in time for the main honey flow from clover. It is not best to put the nice white sections (this is what the little honey boxes are called) on yet, as the honey is hardly salable in case they are filled, and if they are not the bees gnaw the comb foundation out of them and use it elsewhere, and too, they are apt to daub them up with propolis so they never look neat again.

A good way is to make a box large enough to cover the brood frames,—about twelve by seventeen inches and three inches deep; bore a large hole in two sides and stick pieces of glass over them, this is so you can look through and see if they are working in it. Set it bottom side up over the brood combs with a Queen excluder under it. A Queen excluder is a sheet of zinc with holes in it just large enough for the worker bees to go through, but too small for the Queen.

If there is any honey in these boxes when you want to put on the little sections, it can be used at home, or saved without breaking until fall or spring and put on a colony that is short of stores, and needs feeding.

One of these boxes should be put on each colony as soon as it has been enough to cover nearly all of its brood combs, unless it is nearly time to put on the sections. As a general thing the sections should be put on just as clover begins to bloom, but if a colony has not bees enough to cover three-fourths of its brood combs I would wait until it has. These sections come in one long piece with three V shaped notches cut at the places where they are to be bent forming three corners; the ends are notched or dovetailed and when driven together form the fourth corner, completing the section. A piece of comb foundation is to be put into each section, to make the bees build the comb straight and save them as much work as possible. It is made by passing thin sheets of beeswax between two rolls just as clothes are run through a wringer. The rolls on a foundation mill are made of metal and on their surface are little projections that press into the soft wax and make it like the bottom of the natural comb. These rolls run so close together that a hair would be crimped if passed between them, yet they do not touch.

The sheets of comb foundation that are used in the sections are so thin that if laid over printing one can read through them. On both sides of it there are little crooked walls about the size of a thread, running in six directions thus forming the base of the little six sided cells. With their mandibles which come together much as ones thumb and finger, the bees pinch these little walls and make them very thin and as they make them thinner they make the cells deeper. Just as hammering a piece of hot iron makes it longer and wider. When these little walls are drawn out as far as possible the bees add more wax just as a blacksmith adds one piece of iron to another, by hammering it while hot.

The fact that the bee-keeper uses this comb foundation in the section boxes has led many to think they make the whole comb and fill it with cheap syrup and seal it, but it has never been done, and never will be. The A. I. Root Co., Medina, O., have a standing offer of \$1000 for a single pound of manufactured comb honey, and they could pay it if it were a hundred times that amount.

I am going to send the publishers of this paper a piece of the comb foundation—such as we use in our sections—and if you want a sample ask the above named Root Co., for it, they will send it whether you keep bees or not. The next article will be on swarming and its management.

### Mother's Meeting.

(Continued from page 10)

and nutriment. A year old infant may have had with impunity (if bowels show good results) juice of an orange daily and scraped apple often; if constipated give prune juice, sweet and thick. Do not undercook or overcook the cereals used for gruels for these infants. If timid as to quality of milk use the Arnold Sterilizer and if you change drinking water on an outing carry some boiled water bottled. Above all feed air to baby and do not overdress the child since the skin is a very important organ. Neglect housework rather than the baths of children under five years for these are the trial years in which to "toughen" (but not by neglect) for a healthful life.

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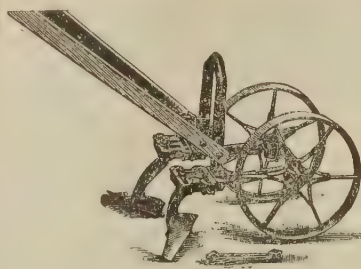
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## May Planting.

This month there will be second sowings or plantings of some of the first early sorts; and sweet corn, beans and some of the long season root crops will require most of the time from now on in which to mature. Corn mixes so badly when planted near together that it is better to depend upon one or at most two good varieties and plant in successions of ten days or two weeks and thus avoid the mixtures which are sometimes ruinous to the quality of the corn.

Parsnips and salsify will require about all the season especially in northern localities so they should go in early in the month. And just here a word of caution may be timely. These two vegetables as well as some others of the long or half long varieties require rich soil; but green manure should be avoided as its tendency is to make them grow prongy and unshapely. So if possible use nothing but thoroughly rotted manure.

Salsify or Oyster plant is worthy a place in every garden as its season is essentially winter and early spring when many other vegetables are out of commission. The culture is the same as for parsnips and like the latter are all the better for remaining in the ground during the winter. No amount of freezing will injure them but rather improves the quality. If desired, those for winter use may be dug as late in the fall as possible and stored in sand; but for spring use they should by all means be left standing in the row. The Mammoth Sandwich Island is the only sort worthy of note, so there is no choice as to variety.

## Lima Beans.

These should be started early in the month especially in localities where autumn frosts are liable to come early. Many complain that they will not mature even when field beans are grown in abundance. This is not necessarily the case for started early in May they will easily mature as far north as forty-two to forty-four degrees. If the weather is cold and wet, start them in boxes or pans of any kind. Stick them into the soil eyes down and far enough apart so they may be taken up without injury to the roots. They transplant quite easily and may thus be forwarded so that there is little danger of injury by frost. However, the earlier they can safely go out the better, for with rich soil and good culture they will blossom and set until cut by the frost.

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NOTE.—We will be glad to have our readers ask any questions on perplexing subjects.

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## Bantams and Their Care.

With some breeders bantams have proved to be very profitable. They are not suited for market, but some varieties produce a good many eggs, and of size proportionately larger than the heavy breeds. The hardier breeds will do well under very close confinement. This month and next I believe is the best time to hatch them, although they may be hatched in April with good success and are sometimes got out as late as September, and do nicely when provided with comfortable quarters. Medium sized hens of the American class, if good sitters and careful mothers, will do to hatch bantams, but I have found, that the best results are had by using Cochlin bantam hens, being lighter and well feathered they are better suited to the purpose. Then after hatching they are not so apt to step upon the chicks and kill them as the larger hens.

In raising the chicks I believe the two main things are: to keep them free from lice and provide clean, dry coops. Bantam chicks are very small and naturally delicate for first week or so, and will quickly succumb to the large head lice, which are common with all chicks, unless kept down. Therefore they should be examined carefully for these pests during first few weeks, and there will be no harm in using a little good insect powder on them any way.

In feeding I would recommend all dry food. Bread crumbs make an excellent food for the first week. Oat meal is also good to start them on, but do not feed too freely of this in warm weather. After a week or ten days give some finely cracked wheat and corn. There are some of the prepared chick foods that answer nicely. After they get started they require a variety, the same as any breed, green food and cooked meat chopped fine, grit and shell. Feed five times daily for first six weeks.

Do not make the mistake of feeding them scantily thinking by so doing that you will get smaller birds. You may get some over grown specimens by heavy feeding the same as with all breeds, but if you deny them sufficient food you will get many inferior and poorly developed birds. Feed them well and especially until well feathered.

## Breaking Up Sitting Hens, Lay Better in Late Summer By Sitting and Brooding Chicks.

In this section of the country I believe that four-fifths of the poultry kept are either Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes or Rhode Island Reds, all of which become broody frequently, and with the ones who use incubators and brooders, these sitting hens are rather bothersome. My plan of handling them is like this: for two hens I have a crate, about two feet square, or little larger, without floor and about three or four inches above the bottom I place poles close enough together so they can not get down through on the ground, yet can reach through and eat. The crate should be high enough above the perches so the hens will have plenty of room to stand erect, and it should have a tight roof, but open on the side and ends. Place it out over a clean plot of grass, and if the hens are taken in hand at once after they show broodiness and placed in this coop it will be but a remarkably short time before they will be off the notion of sitting. Time is often lost by delaying to shut them up until they have the habit well formed. But even after the brooding fever gets quite high, the change from a comfortable nest into this coop is so great that they are soon broken up.

Some poultry raisers are decidedly against any breed that becomes broody, but not so with me, I well know they are troublesome at times. But for hatching and raising chickens, "I don't go back on the old hen." Take a hen that

has been properly handled from a chicken up, so she is tame and gentle and it is a pleasure for me to look after them while sitting and also to care for them after they come off with a brood of chicks. The hen is all right in her place. Some people tell us that when a hen becomes broody we might as well let her sit the time out, for she will not lay any more eggs until about so many weeks have passed anyway. This past season I have broken up Rhode Island Red hens that commenced laying again within a week and some of them never become broody again during the season, but produced eggs almost continually up to the time of moulting, others would become broody again after laying a few eggs. It has been my experience that hens which have laid pretty well through the winter, then sat and hatched a brood of chicks, say in April or May, will lay more eggs through the summer, June and July or up to moulting time, than those that do not become broody in the spring or those that are broken up and not allowed to sit and hatch. I do not remember of seeing any actual experiments on the work, but with the general run of the sitting breeds my observation has lead me to the conclusion that it is just as well to let them bring off a brood of chicks, it seems to give them the much needed rest, and puts them in condition so they moult quick and easy. I had Plymouth Rock hens last season to sit and hatch in June and commence laying in July and kept it right up until they were well into moult in August, and every one of those eggs were worth two cents a piece to me for market. So allowing that she does not lay more than two dozen eggs in the summer, they will pay for one half her keep for the year, and if she sat and hatched earlier, say in April or May, the chances are she would produce more than enough eggs before moulting, to pay two-thirds the cost of feeding her for the year, and when feed is cheap and a good market for summer eggs, she will come pretty close to paying the entire year's expense of keeping, not speaking of cost of labor, interest or investment, outfit, etc.

Circumstances alter cases. If you must have chickens out in March or before, then the incubator is the only thing, or if you wish to make a specialty of the poultry business and are going into it extensively, it won't do to depend on the old hen altogether, but for poultry raising on a small scale I am in favor of the hen for hatching and brooding.

## Questions and Answers.

Why is a fowl that has no feathers on its legs better than one that has? The above question would have to be turned around to suit some fanciers. But the majority of the American people like a clean legged fowl because they are cleaner, especially in muddy weather, very much neater appearing because feathers on fowls' legs are generally dirty. A clean legged fowl can be kept free from scaly legs easier than one with feathers, and a clean legged fowl is best for market.

H. P. Ketchon.

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V. M. C.

What is the best plan and remedy to keep down lice and mites? The chicks should be kept free from lice by use of good insect powder, or lard or sweet oil. The nests by frequently burning the straw and keeping three or four moth or camphor balls in the nest. The roosts by using kerosene or liquid lice killer on them often. The rest of the hen house should be kept clean. A solution of carbolic acid and white wash sprayed all around it is good. Nest boxes should be removable, also the perches. A dropping platform under roosting poles makes cleaning out easy.

#### Evergreen Stock Farm.

I have found kerosene or crude oil one of the best insecticides to rid the house of lice and mites. Apply once a month to all perches and around the roosts, nest boxes and other places where they are likely to gather. An effective remedy is made as follows: one half pound of hard soap dissolved in a gallon of boiling water, remove from the fire and while hot add one gallon of kerosene, stir briskly until well mixed, or until it becomes quite thick; then add ten gallons of cold water and stir thoroughly. Apply with a sprayer or an old broom. If the fowls are badly infested with lice and mites use a good insect powder on their bodies at the same time.

V. M. C.

Where can I get cut clover hay that I read about in farm papers? From poultry supply dealers. A good way is to make it yourself by curing some clover hay and cut it.

My neighbors tell me that chicks hatched in an incubator are not as strong as those hatched with a hen. Is this a fact? If the incubator is a good one (and there are quite a number of this kind) is properly run and the eggs well cared for, there is no reason why the chicks hatched artificially should not be as strong as those brought out in the natural way. The cause of the trouble is likely to be from neglect in caring for the chicks after they are hatched, or during the first two or three weeks of their age.

The following questions are to be answered in June. Write us your experience.

With Leghorns and Minorcas, which gives you the best results in eggs, the rose or single comb varieties?

What breed of Bantams do you find the hardest, best layers and most suitable to close confinement?

What style of poultry house has given you best satisfaction?

#### Judgment In Feeding Hens.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Much study and careful attention are required to get best results from feeding, since so many things must be taken into consideration. The breed, the general condition, the egg-producing qualities, the inclination to sit, must all be considered, in order to get best results. We will assume that in general four ounces of solid food per day should be the allowance for a hen. If the hen is not laying, a smaller amount will suffice. Again, some breeds are more industrious in their habits than others, and by means of their foraging save outlay for the owners. You may feed Leghorns all they can eat, but should be more sparing with Brahmas. If you do not desire a hen to sit, do not feed so as to fatten, and if the breed you have is inclined to fatten easily be sparing with the food. Some breeds can hardly be fattened and are little inclined to sit, so in the feeding of these you should be more bountiful, in order to keep up the egg-production. Fowls which have a wide range and can obtain green forage, need less by one-third than those which are kept in con-

stant confinement. Their chances for good health are also much greater, since it is not the quantity, but the quality of what is eaten that counts in growth and egg production. When chickens come eagerly to their feed and scramble for it greedily they are not being fed too much. When they peck indifferently at what is given them, the supply should be withdrawn. Regularity of times of feeding is as much to be recommended as regularity of meals for human beings. Twice a day is sufficient for grown chickens. Let the morning meal be ground feed, warmed and sometimes mixed with chopped animal ingredients, occasionally with a minute quantity of red pepper or some other medicinal or preventative ingredients. The evening meal should be whole grain, corn, wheat or oats.

L. T. Rightsell.

A naughty youngster recently evaded punishment at the hands of his mother by crawling under the barn, where she could not reach him. His father arrived home soon thereafter and, when informed of the state of affairs, crawled on his hands and knees in search of his son and heir. The lad had fallen asleep in a far corner of the barn basement and when awakened by his father exclaimed, "Is she after you too, Dad?"

"I've been attending a curious case for the last two days," remarks the doctor. "It's a boy who insists that he swallowed a silver half dollar, a quarter, two dimes and a nickel. I confess his condition puzzles me."

"You'll be likely to find some change in him soon," encouragingly observed the professor.

Tom—Seems to me you were out rather late last night.

Dick—Yes, Miss Stockansbonds leaves town this morning, and I was giving her a souvenir spoon.

Tom—Did she refuse you?

Dick—Oh, she said "No," but by the way she drawled it out she means "Yes."

Lawyer (cross-examining witness)—Doctor, you say the defendant in this case has the "automobile eye." What is the automobile eye?

Witness—It is a condition of the visual organs that prevents a man from seeing a pedestrian in the road until after he has run over him.

Johnny was standing at the window watching the storm outside.

"Does it look like a wet snow, dear?" asked his mother.

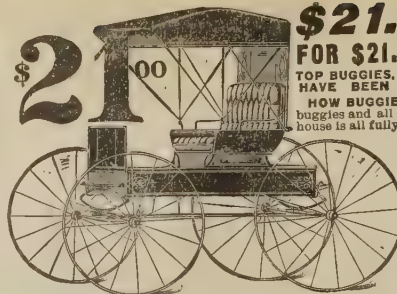
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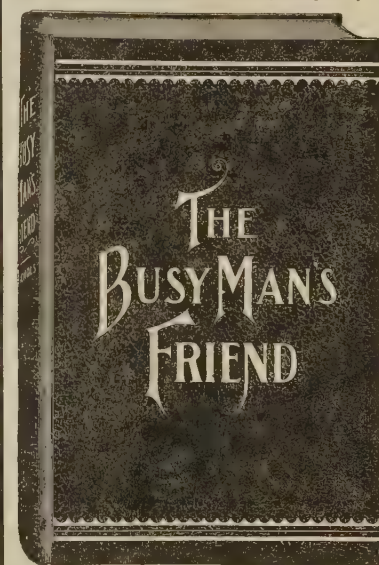
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## Squab Raising.

**Note**—This series of articles was begun in the February issue. Those desiring to ask questions will please address the author, Mr. J. A. Summers, Chalfont, Pa., inclosing stamp.—Ed.

Pigeons are not polygamous like chickens; hence an equal number cocks and hens must be purchased to insure best results. In buying be careful of whom you buy, for many dealers will sell a flock of birds in which there are more cocks than necessary. Each hen must have a mate, and an odd cock will do more harm in a loft than diseases will. They will not only pick at the squabs and kill them but annoy the hens on the nests and very often destroy their eggs. Many ask why are the Homer Pigeons preferred to other varieties for squab raising. This is very easily answered. The Homer has the nicest and plumpest squabs, are always white fleshed and never turn dark when dressed. They are very hearty birds and good breeders. They stand confinement in buildings better than other birds and are less liable to sickness. That is why all large squab raisers use the Homers.

Keeping pigeons confined in a building with only a small cage to fly in is working against nature but if they are mated and well kept they will thrive as well as if liberated; in fact their squabs will be fatter for they have nothing else to do but to breed and care for their young, where, when flying out, considerable time is taken up in exercising and they are very liable to neglect their young. A building for thirty pairs of breeders should be at least ten feet by ten feet and six or eight feet high with a wire netting outside ten feet by fifteen feet. Near the roof there must be an opening for ventilation, a place fixed so it can be closed up in winter. In the outside cage a receptacle for water holding a bucketful should be placed. This should be four inches deep, no deeper. In this they bathe and get their drink. After bathing clean out the tub and give fresh water to drink as the water will be very foul after bathing. The inside of the building should be lined with nests. It is not necessary to go to a lot of expense and get the nest pans or nappies but a nest two or three feet long and a foot high made like a chicken nest answers the purpose. Each pair of breeders must have two nests so the above described nest two or three feet long is all that a pair needs. A six inch partition could be placed in the center of the nest making two nests one and one-half feet wide. The breeders build a nest in one end of the box and raise their young to an age of two or three weeks when they build another nest in the other end of the box and lay another setting of eggs so it will be seen why a double nest must be given them. It requires but seventeen to eighteen days for pigeon eggs to hatch and when the squabs are four weeks old they are ready for market. In order to prevent the formation of lice give them tobacco stems (sometimes called tobacco ribs) to build their nests with. Have a heap of them on the floor where the old birds can carry them to their nests which they make themselves. Don't undertake to make the nest for them, they won't have it that way. As soon as the squabs are taken out of the nest to kill, clean out the old nest thoroughly otherwise they build another upon the old one and make it too high. There is not so much hard labor attached to this business but that it can be done right for there is plenty of time to spare, no matter what one is doing. Have a set time, say the first of each month, for cleaning out the buildings and adhere to it. It will be far easier than cleaning out once a year as some do and run the risk of losing all their flock from disease. Pigeons will keep thrive and pay but many neglect them and then complain that there is no money in pigeons. There is a handsome income from them, which pays one well for their trouble, and it is far better to give a little extra attention than too little. During spare moments watch your flock, get acquainted with them and get them tame; see if they are all mated, etc. There is lots of interest in watching them and you will always find out something you didn't know before. In the next issue will appear an article on their Food and Feeding.

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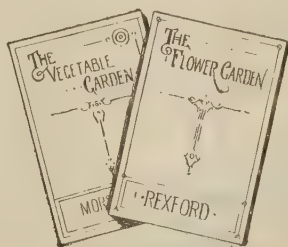
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## FRUIT NOTES

### Why Not Dwarf Trees.

To those who have but small available space and still desire some of the tree fruits the dwarf trees offer a very reliable solution of the problem.

Fortunately, some of the nurserymen have quite a selection of apples worked in Paradise stock, and their lists are furnished on application. These trees are only of well known varieties that have proven profitable bearers thus worked, and they can be set very closely: five to six feet or a little more apart and thus quite a variety and succession of these can be grown in small space and will bear abundantly the third or fourth year from planting. The Bismarck, an introduction of recent years and although meeting with much opposition at first has nevertheless proven a decided success. They are said to bear the second and third year from setting, yielding fruit of enormous size and splendid quality. Personally, I cannot vouch for the good qualities as last season's planting was my first experience. It is safe to say however that it has safely passed the experimental stage and is now thoroughly established.

### Dwarf Pears.

Many varieties of pears will not succeed well as dwarfs; but those that take kindly to the habit bear much earlier and produce fruit of finer quality than when grown as standards. Ten to twelve feet apart is amply far enough to set them as they require severe pruning every year for best results. The following lists are perfectly reliable and succeed admirably worked on quince stock: Summer—Bartlett, Clapp's Favorite and Bandysine. Autumn—Anyouleme, Bosc, Belle Lucrative and Louise Bonne. Winter—Anjon, Baster Beurre and Lawrence.

May is a little late for setting in most localities; but not too late provided the trees have been well cared for previously. If well set and carefully handled afterward they will succeed all right. The list will be helpful to many we hope and if too late to be available this season, file it away for use next year.

### Strawberries.

Ere the close of this month, some of our readers will be enjoying the fruit of their labors upon the strawberry beds, while others must watch and wait a little while longer. I really hope that many of our readers will be thus rewarded and that many, many more have made beginnings this spring that will bear fruitage next year.

It does not pay to hold the beds too long; the second crop if a fair or good one, is about all that can be hoped for. With exceptionally good culture and heavy fertilizing the third crop will sometimes pay but in general, the beds will have passed their usefulness with maturing the second crop. Beds that are to go out of commission this year should be plowed or spaded up as soon as the crop is harvested. This will give ample time for a crop of the quick growing varieties of sweet corn, wax beans, or a root crop, as turnips or bagas.

The newly set plants should not be allowed to mature any berries this season, or carry any runners until July. Then they may be encouraged to grow and be trained into the rows. Last spring we set out two acres and the weather during July and August was so dry that we were obliged to go over the ground several times and remove the dry surface soil placing the runners down where they could get moisture. In most cases it was necessary to cover them sufficiently to hold them in place until they could get a start. This made plenty of extra work; but it seemed the only way to fill up the rows.

Bearing beds that are to be carried over until next year will be greatly benefited by moving them off as soon as the berries are picked. Scatter the litter evenly over the ground and as soon as dry burn it off. The burning has a very salutary effect upon the plants and is also a check

to fungus diseases and the maturing of weed seeds.

As to the season for setting plants, we much prefer the springtime; but with good soil and cultural conditions August planting succeeds very well, and if the earlier season passed with no plants started, by all means prepare the beds for the later time.

We have quite a large bed set in July of last year, and while we do not recommend the practice, the plants did nicely and look very promising this spring.

### Time For Pruning.

A few thoughts as to time for pruning fruit trees may not be out of place even at this season of year. When is the proper time for such work is a question that is often asked. It can only be answered correctly, when we know the object in view and the condition of the trees. It can be answered in a general way, however, and our readers thereby may be able to sort out something to meet their general necessities. First then, it is always in order, and is also the very best of practice to remove all dead wood or broken limbs at any time when they are in evidence. For general pruning, the best time is spring while the trees are dormant yet unfrozen. If large limbs have to be removed (which is usually of doubtful utility), it should be done then, and the stub of such branches should be painted. A good paint for the purpose is either white or red lead and raw linseed oil.

Whenever such branches are removed in spring, it is always the effort of nature to replace them with others, the result is, that spring pruning is often followed by an inordinate growth of new sprouts. The pruning must be done however, to some extent at least, and the only remedy against the new growth is a second pruning. This should be done in mid-summer as the wounds always heal readily at that time. This is also the season in which to prune if we desire to promote the growth of fruit buds. From this it will be seen that trees prone to overgrowth of wood, and scanty fruit bud development should be pruned in mid-summer. Such trees are often greatly benefited by severe pruning at that season of the year. Generally speaking then, for shortening back or thinning out, prune after the trees are thawed out, but before growth starts. For getting rid of the overgrowth of watersprouts, and to encourage bud development, prune in mid-summer.

### How to Prune.

"Train a child in the way he should go while he is young and when he is old he will not depart from it." Solomon's words were fitly spoken of the child, and with due reverence be it said they are also equally applicable to the tree. If we all knew just when and where and how to prune the young tree, how much harm and loss would be spared the old tree.

Trees differ so widely as to habit of growth and cultural methods vary so much, that no hard and fast rules can be given that apply to all conditions. In general, it is safe to say that correct head-forming during the first few years will save nearly all the cutting of large branches in later years. This of course, includes the cutting and pinching off of all surplus buds and wood while young. However, it is of the bearing trees I wish to speak more particularly, and so offer some suggestions as to the fruiting habits of various kinds of trees.

Apple and Pear.—These two kinds bear the fruit upon the growth of the previous year, and in shortening back we must have a care not to rob the tree of too much of this kind of wood. The bearing shoots however, are not the vigorous long growing ones at the ends of the limbs, but those growing at the sides of the branches and are usually called "spurs." As we understand the matter, the spurs of the last season's growth will not fruit next season, but the year following.

Peach.—These trees bear their fruits upon the wood of the previous season's

growth. So judicious cutting back will save much labor in thinning the fruit. Generally speaking, it is safe to head in or cut back at least one-fourth to one-third of the previous season's growth.

Grapes.—These form the wood and bear the fruit all in one season, but the bearing wood nearly always forms on the growth of the previous season. Old wood on the grape aside from the main trunk is practically valueless from the fruiting point, but is useful in forming the basis of many different methods of training. Unless it be for covering arbors or developing some particular style of training, the old wood should all be cut back to three or four buds of a few shoots of the previous season's growth.

Raspberries and Blackberries.—Both these fruits are borne on short shoots coming from the previous year's growth, and knowing this, the manner of pruning is easily determined.

Currants and Gooseberries.—As these fruits are borne upon both old and new wood, there must be plenty of canes left for the fruit to grow upon. No—canes, no fruit, is the rule upon which to go, yet all wood three years old or upward should be removed every year. Thus it follows that new growth should be furnished every year in order to keep up the stock of bearing wood.

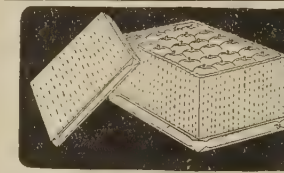
These general principles if carefully studied, will be helpful to many, but after all, practice and personal knowledge of the habits and peculiarities of different kinds will do far more for the operator than all the theories that can be written.

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## FARM NOTES

## Why we Use Home Mixed Fertilizers.

Although commercial fertilizers have been in use for more than a generation, I believe it is safe to say that possibly three-fourths of the farmers who purchase and apply them are not able to fully state their reasons for using certain brands, buying too often upon the price per ton basis without regard or knowledge as to the especial requirements of their land or the crops to be grown thereon.

The purchase and mixing of the separate materials containing nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, is of great value from an educational point of view for in the purchase of the ready mixed article but little information is given as to the sources from which the ingredients are derived, nor is the analysis always plain to one not accustomed to the reading, or versed in the terms as given.

To a considerable extent manufacturers prepare mixtures adapted to the requirements of certain crops yet not infrequently farmers employ the same brand for various crops without regarding their especial needs, hence the mixing of the separate fertilizing materials will lead, to more intelligence in their use. It is claimed by the manufacturers of the ready mixed goods that the farmer lacks the proper facilities for mixing fertilizers but in all the Eastern and Southern states this has been proven a misstatement.

A tight barn floor, a shovel, a screen and a rake, and a pair of scales are all the tools required to produce as good a mixture as any manufacturers, and at the same time information is gained regarding the quality of the articles. The cheap fertilizers sometimes found in the market, possess usually little of available fertilizing constituents, and what they do contain is frequently, in some instances in less available forms, consisting of hoof and horn meal or other slow acting nitrogenous matter which require long time to render available. High grade fertilizers cannot be bought at a low price, and the rate of fertility desired or attained, must be reckoned by the grade of fertilizers applied.

The ready mixed goods sent out by reliable and well known manufacturers may be depended upon to contain the exact percentages as guaranteed, yet too frequently these mixtures are poorly suited to crops for what they are recommended, therefore I believe it is the wiser plan to purchase the plant foods separately, and mix or apply according to the needs of the crops we desire to grow. By doing so, we save the extra sums which must be paid for mixing, etc.

Before the fertilizer materials are mixed it should be seen to that they are dry and fine, as their availability depends greatly upon an even distribution which cannot be made if moist or lumpy, nor can they be properly screened.

We prefer this time of the year for preparing such mixtures as they can then be used before the absorbence of moisture.

The State Experiment Station are glad to furnish any further information on this important subject. *E. A. Season.*

## Farm Life More Attractive.

In the past few years there has been less tendency of changes from farm to town life than formerly says the Indiana "Farmer." There are several reasons why this is so. One is that agriculture has come to be better understood as appealing to the best thought and higher qualities of scientific research. Agricultural colleges of the states have contributed their share in this belief, as for years past the graduates of these colleges have gone back to the farm and are found in every section of the country, where their work is being appreciated. Such quickened intelligent work begets a love for farm life.

Another factor entering into this question was the establishing of telephone systems of all the farms of the country, bringing farm and town together in quicker knowledge of what is transpiring in the world, and especially in better business and social relations. The building of electric railways all over the country is another important matter destroying distance between farm and market

centers, and bringing all classes into social relations. The rural free delivery of the mails is adding greatly to these better conditions. Out of all these things have come better prices for farm products, readier sale and greater demand for them. The old methods of barter have not only disappeared but are almost forgotten, and farm products command cash. The improved methods of cultivation and transportation have leveled the distinctions which once prevailed to some extent, and have made farm and town unite in progress and common interest, and brought about in some sections almost as great a tendency from town to country as exists from country to town.

Two new beans recently discovered by the Department of Agriculture are likely to prove of value to this country. One is what is known as the Broad Bean of Europe. This bean has been grown in the United States, and can be found listed in some of our seed catalogues, but the agricultural explorers of the department state that Americans fail with the bean in two particulars. First, they allow it to ripen, whereas it should be picked when about half or two-thirds grown, and second, they do not know how to cook it. David Fairchild says that as he has eaten it in Europe it is one of the most delicious of vegetables. The other bean is grown extensively in Greece. It is a tiny variety, only about the size of rice, and taking not longer than that vegetable to cook. It is exceedingly toothsome. Small quantities of both these beans have been secured by the department and will be tested this year; but the department has none now for distribution.

## Crops for Overflowed Land.

The problem of utilizing lands subject to annual overflow has continued to receive attention. Particular attention has been given to short-season annual crops, such as millet, early varieties of corn and sorghum, buckwheat, cowpeas, soy beans, and rape, for lands that are free from water during mid-summer and the fall season, and all these crops have been grown successfully on land that was covered with water until the latter part of June. The native grasses which are extensively cut for hay on overflowed and swamp lands are also being studied with a view to making seed of some of the best of them available on the markets, so that farmers who are in need of such grasses may be able to obtain their seed. *Repl. Sec. Agric. 1904.*

A Boston dealer in dairy produce suggests that in this time of strikes in the meat and provision trades the attention of the public should be called to the cheapness and abundance of cheese, which he claims is a complete substitute for meat, particularly in the warmer months of the year.

## Care And Pruning of Trees.

Some already have trees in greater or less number, and to such we say that good care will be amply repaid. If the trees are small, the pruning and cutting back can be so done that the cutting of large limbs can nearly all be avoided in future years. With the larger and older trees such cutting is sometimes essential but it should be avoided whenever possible.

If the trees are old and moss-grown, remove it by scraping, then wash the bodies with lye. They should also be sprayed before growth starts, with copper sulphate solution; four pounds of the sulphate to forty or fifty gallons of water. Spraying has become a necessity and we advise all our readers to apply to their state experiment stations for their printed formulas. They are not only useful in the fruit, but the vegetable and flower gardens as well. These formulas, with directions for mixing and applying are published for the benefit of the people at large, and a postal card addressed to the stations, stating what is wanted will always bring them.

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They rehearse among the treetops  
For the madrigals of June.

Now amid the ferns and mosses  
Many a woodland feast is spread,  
Laid in Nature's green pavilion,  
With her chorus overhead.

For an overture to summer,  
For an anthem to the sun,  
And the notes of children's voices  
To the variation run.

And the voices of the revel  
Rise and mingle with the strain,  
While the dash of sparkling water  
Is its burden and refrain.

From the shore and wood and meadow,  
Blending in from far and near,  
In the playtime, in the gay time,  
In the Maytime of the year.

Age has laid aside all sorrow,  
Youth forgets its transient tear,  
In the playtime, in the gay time,  
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## When Wild Flowers Bloom.

The snowdrifts fade along the hill,  
And streamlets seek the sea,  
The early flowers beside the rill  
Awake in company.

For soon beneath May's azure sky,  
Within the valley fair,  
The Pilgrim's blossom pure and shy  
Will ope its petals there.

And when the year is in its prime,  
By many a wayside wall,  
In tinted showers of summer time,  
Will rose leaves softly fall.

The daisies nodding to and fro  
Shall deck each meadow wide,  
While softly low the breezes blow,  
Adown the countryside.

*J. E. M. Wright.*

## Forest Trees.

Children have you seen the budding  
Of the trees in valleys low?  
Have you watched it creeping, creeping,  
Up the mountain, soft and slow?  
Weaving there a plush like mantle,  
Brownish, grayish, reddish green,  
Changing, changing, daily, hourly,  
Till it smiles in emerald sheen?

Have you watched the shades so varied?  
From the little graceful birch,  
Faint and tender to the balsam's  
Evergreen, so dark and rich?  
Have you seen the quaint mosaics  
Gracing all the mountain-sides,  
Where they, mingling, intertwining,  
Sway like softest mid-air tides?

*Selected.*

## Bossy and the Daisy.

Right up into Bossy's eyes  
Looked the daisy boldly,  
But, alas! to his surprise,  
Bossy ate him coldly.

Listen, daisies in the fields:  
Hide away from Bossy.  
Daisies make the milk she yields,  
And her skin grow glossy.

So each day she tries to find  
Daisies nodding sweetly.  
And, although it's most unkind,  
Bites their heads off neatly.

*Margaret Deland.*

Breathe balmy airs, ye fragrant flowers,  
O'er every silent sleeper's head;  
Ye crystal dew and summer showers,  
Dress in fresh green each lowly bed.

Strew loving offerings o'er the brave,  
Their country's joy, their country's  
pride;  
For us their precious lives they gave,  
For Freedom's sacred cause they died.

Long, where on glory's fields they fell,  
May freedom's spotless banner wave,  
And fragrant tributes grateful tell  
Where live the free, where sleep the  
brave.

*Samuel F. Smith.*

## Apple Blossoms.

O apple blossoms, lifting sweet  
Your pale, pink faces to the sky,  
Or sending down in dainty shower  
Your petals on the grass to lie,  
You fling abroad through all the air  
Fragrance and beauty everywhere.

Wayfaring bees seek out your bloom;  
You give them honey from your store.  
The rough breeze rudely shakes you  
home;  
You send out sweetness all the more.  
The children your choice blossoms shred—  
You shower soft blessings on each head.

Oh, apple blossoms, rare and sweet!  
Love's gospel with each year you bring,  
" 'Tis life to give, 'tis life to bless,"  
You breathe with each returning spring.  
"The only life below, above,  
Is his whose highest name is Love."

*Kate W. Hamilton.*

## A Tired Little Worm.

A tired little worm went to sleep one day  
In a soft little cradle of silken gray,  
And he said, as he snugly curled up in  
his nest,  
"Oh, crawling was pleasant, but rest is  
the best."

He slept through the winter, long and  
cold,  
All tightly up in his blankets rolled  
And at last awoke on a warm spring day,  
To find that winter had gone away.

He woke to find he had golden wings,  
And no longer need crawl over sticks  
and things.  
"Oh, the earth was nice," said the glad  
butterfly,  
"But heaven is best when we learn to  
fly."

*Selected.*

## The Throstle.

"Summer is coming, summer is coming,  
I know it, I know it, I know it,  
Light again, leaf again, life again, love  
again,"  
Yes, my wild little poet.

Sing the new year in again under the  
blue,  
Last year you sang it as gladly.  
"New, new, new!" Is it then so new  
That you should carol so madly.

"Love again, song again, nest again,  
young again,"  
Never a prophet so crazy!  
And hardly a daisy as yet, little friend,  
See there is hardly a daisy.

"Here again, here, here, here, happy  
year!"  
O, warble, unhidden, unhidden!  
Summer is coming, is coming, my dear,  
And all the winters are hidden.

*Alfred Tennyson.*

## The Little Brown Wren.

There's a little brown wren that has built  
in our tree;  
And she's scarcely a big as a big bumble-  
bee;  
She has hollowed a house in the heart of  
a limb,  
And made the walls tidy and made the  
floors trim,  
With the down of the crow's foot, with  
tow, and with straw,  
The cosiest dwelling that ever you saw.

This little brown wren has the brightest  
of eyes,  
And a foot of a very diminutive size;  
Her tail is as trig as the sail of a ship,  
She's demure, though she walks with a  
hop and a skip;  
And her voice—but a flute were more fit  
than a hen  
To tell of the voice of the little brown  
wren.

One morning Sir Sparrow came saunter-  
ing by,  
And cast on the wren's house an envious  
eye;  
With a strut of bravado and toss of his  
head,  
"I'll put in my claim here," the bold  
fellow said.  
So straightway he mounted on impudent  
wing,  
And entered the door without pausing to  
ring.

An instant—and swiftly that feathery  
knight,  
All towled and tumbled, in terror took  
flight,  
While there by the door on her favorite  
perch,  
As neat as a lady just starting for church,  
With this song on her lips, "He will not  
call again  
Unless he is asked," said the little brown  
wren.

*Clinton Scollard.*

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Bring flowers, bring flowers, the sweetest, the best,  
To garland the beds where the brave are at rest.  
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Bring laurel for glory they won in the fray;  
Bring lilacs for youth—many fell ere their prime;  
Bring oak wreaths for Liberty, goddess sublime;  
Bring chrysanthemums white for the truth they implore;  
Bring lilies for peace—they battle no more;  
Bring violets, myrtles, and roses for love;  
Bring snowballs for thoughts of the Heaven above;  
Bring hawthorn for hope which surmounts earthly strife;  
Bring amaranth blossoms for immortal life.  
Bring flowers, bring flowers, the sweetest, the best,  
To garland the beds where our brave are at rest.

*Selected.*

"Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!  
The thoughts of men shall be  
As sentinels to keep  
Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green  
We deck with fragrant flowers;  
Yours has the suffering been  
The memory shall "be ours!"

*Longfellow.*

### A Day With Queen Columbine.

*(Continued from page seven.)*

number one, *Aquilegia canadensis*, this specimen having been plucked in Smith's woods an ascent to Paradise. Exotic number two is *Aquilegia vulgaris* from the Old World. Now you are beginning to accumulate a variety that will make old eyes young ones. Here is *Aquilegia coerulea*—the Rocky Mountain Columbine. Good Latin suggests why it is called *coerulea*, skylike azure. The lovely "violet blue" blossoms are worthy of a place in the sky. There ought to be some kind of floral apotheosis for such gentle creatures. Then you can have this kind, *Aquilegia formosa* or *Californica*. You find that a blossom has yellow petals, while the spurs have an orange hue, which is appropriate enough for California. Then you can have the *glandulosa*, a Siberian sort with deep blue flowers whose corolla is snow white. You can easily have ten varieties of Queen Columbine but perhaps the most enterprising florists can marshal a longer array. They—the flowers not the florists, will show their wings from April to September.

### Notes by the Way.

BY EMMA CLEARWATERS.

Our neighborhood has experienced a very unfavorable summer for plant growth; first we had a very wet, cold and cloudy spring; then a very dry, cool summer with sudden changes to hot, and now a much needed rain was followed by frosts, but owing to some good fairy, the frost apparently, hurt but little.

Had we had more rain, it would have proved an ideal summer for pansies, but was so dry that many of our spring bloomers died beyond resurrection; a much regretted state of affairs, as now our fall supply of the faces will be but scant. Worms and insects of all kinds, have had a delightful time judging from the rapidity with which they multiplied.

Our cannas have not been nearly so satisfactory this season, as they commonly are; we have had and now have some pretty blooms, but the plants lack the tropical appearance they've given us here to fore, likewise the *Ricinus*, but the *Caladiums* do nicely. A flower lover and grower, recently told me she bedded her oleanders last Spring before the last freeze, they were bit to the ground, but started up, made a nice growth, but gave no blossoms. She did not cover them. Our *Geraniums* were bedded, but were kept covered with old carpet two or three days. They looked very unpromising for a while, but by-and-by our patience was rewarded with lovely, large clusters

of bloom, and how they have bloomed all the time, and are yet full of flowers. They have been a pronounced success in the same soil that carnations, such as Portia, General Gomez, Lawson and others made a failure in last season; in fact it is the same bed. We think the soil was too loose and dry for the "Divine flower."

Do you try the garden carnations? Be sure to do so next season; from a small package of seed sown last spring, we have the sweetest flowers. The plant grows in shapely bunches. It has the carnation foliage, and freely produces the sweet double pinks, as spicy as any aristocratic carnation. Of course the individual pink is smaller, but one has many more of them. They are as easily grown as a zinnia and the calyx doesn't burst. I think, with a mulch, the roots will live through the winter. Ours are a clear pink and pink striped with white; both nicely fringed. Some of our gladioli were beautiful the individual flowers as large as of Austria Canna and such a long spike of bloom. We had no pure white ones, but they were of delicate mauve and creamy tints. The tube roses have been an entire success—another season we shall arrange to shade them after the buds begin opening, either with a lath or canvass roof, or else plant the bulbs in pots so they can be removed to the shade when buds begin opening. Ours were started in the house the latter part of March. My, but the water that

oleanders, gladioli, tuberose and chrysanthemums take! Truly they are Baptists! Our chrysanthemums give fine promise of beauty.

One editor of a paper from eastern New York, not Vick's however, seemed to think our climate queer in that we could plant seeds in the Fall of such annuals as asters, verbenas, portulaca and so forth to have them come up early the next spring, as I wrote we practiced. The editor said, "they would be dead than door-nails, in their New York winters."

Each Fall for years, we have sown some of our annuals, and always there are many that self-sow. Fall planting will result in blossoms weeks earlier than is possible from the spring sown seeds, but one must not plant too early; plant at the last possible moment before a hard freeze, then the morning after the freeze, mulch the bed well with coarse manure, or with leaves. If planted early, the seed will germinate before cold weather, and the plantlet will winter-kill.

We have sown the seed, with success, on the frozen ground, of course the bed had previously been prepared.

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### A Veranda Frieze.

BY FLORA LEE.

Plant in a number of tin cans *Nasturtiums* and *Morning Glories* (or any vine preferred) having enough cans to hang two feet apart along outer edge of veranda roof. Distance below this is determined by depth of frieze desired. Cover pieces of moss over bottom of cans extending it far enough over edges to hold in place with string tied around can. Cover sides with bark. By this arrangement vines are just where they are wanted and can be easily trained, without waiting for them to grow from below. I festooned Ground Pine between cans at first.

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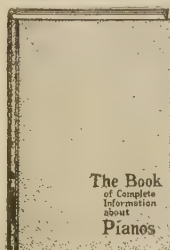
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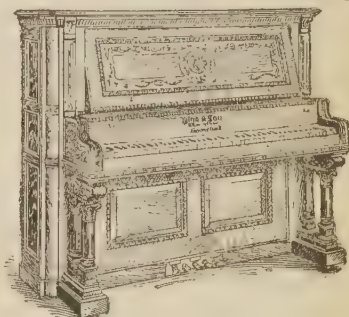
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Various attempts to discover this man's secret have failed, since he has refused to disclose the source of his most marvelous control over disease and his strange power to stay the clutch of death. Yet the proven facts and evidence show that in hundreds of instances when patients have been pronounced hopelessly incurable and given up to death by doctors, Professor Hadley has restored them to health so easily and quickly that it borders closely upon the miraculous or divine. These cures are the more strange and startling since it is known that he has discarded the useless drugs usually prescribed by physicians and accomplishes these marvels by a new and wonderful method of treatment unlike any heretofore known to science. Indeed, one woman goes so far as to state that Professor Hadley made her heart beat again in her body when she was prepared for the grave, and he has performed dozens of other seeming miracles of healing in the face of death. He claims that there is no disease he may not cure, and there is every reason to believe that this claim, startling as it is, is no more than the literal truth, since the records show that he has cured cancer, consumption, paralysis, deafness and other diseases supposed to be incurable, with the same ease and certainty that he cured stomach and kidney troubles, rheumatism, catarrh and the more common ailments that human flesh is heir to.

Powerful and peculiar as is Professor Hadley's ability, an almost equally remarkable thing about this man is the fact that he gives his treatment free of charge to rich and poor alike, devoting himself to the relief of afflicted humanity independent of fees or reward. He is quoted as saying that he looks upon this power he possesses as a divine gift, and that he feels it is his duty as a Christian to help all who stand in need, without attempting to extort money for his services.

During a recent interview with Professor Hadley the eminent scientist firmly but courteously declined to discuss the secret of the power he holds, but finally was induced to speak of some of the almost miraculous cures he has made. Speaking of the case of Joseph R. Stewart of Camden, N. J., one of his recent patients, Professor Hadley said: "Mr. Stewart had been told by various physicians that he had cancer of the stomach, complicated with kidney disease and bowel trouble, that his case was incurable and beyond the reach of medicine, and that he must make the most of what little life was left to him before death claimed him. He suffered most terrible agonies, and was on the verge of the grave when he appealed to me as a last resort. Notwithstanding what the doctors had said, I accepted the case, put him under my treatment and cured him. To-day he is worth a good

many dead men, and in a recent letter to me speaks of his cure as a 'miracle.' Then there was the case of Mrs. M. Worthington of Egg Harbor, N. J. For twenty-five years she had been a hopeless invalid from complicated female troubles, many long months bedridden in hospitals, and pronounced hopelessly incurable and given up to die by all her physicians. But she put her faith in me, threw away her old medicines, and is to-day the picture and reality of perfect health. I took up the case of Mr. E. C. Bass of El Campo, Tex., after the doctors had given him up to death and could do nothing to revive him. Brought to this condition by the combined attack of kidney and liver diseases, dropsy and articular rheumatism, he suffered the torments of the damned and was almost insane with the pain. Doctors and their medicines failed utterly. But I did not fail. I cured him. I restored him to life and health without his even knowing just how it was done. Then recently I received this letter from Mrs. E. C. McManus of Elision, Ala., which will give you an idea of how my patients regard my power to cure." The writer copied Mrs. McManus's letter, which, word for word, is as follows: "At last I am free from pain and disease; at last my health is restored and to me it seems little short of a miracle that you could absolutely cure any one as sick as I was. When you made me well again you cured catarrh of the stomach and bowels, liver and kidney diseases, female trouble and piles. All these you cured as I am a living witness. I am so thankful to you for all you have done for me, for all you saved me from. I would have died without your treatment. May God bless you and your good work." And one from C. S. Harrell of Cato, Ark., reads: "You seem to know just what the trouble is and just how to cure it. Hereafter I am through with quack doctors and their useless drugs, for they are not worth a pinch of salt compared with your treatment. I was sick so long with liver and kidney disease and stomach trouble that all the blood seemed gone from my body, and I looked like a corpse ready for burial. I was so weak and suffered so much and so constantly that I could not work on my farm as I needed to. Now I am feeling wonderfully different. You have driven the disease out of my body as you promised, and I assure you that I am most thankful for it. I feel that you saved my life."

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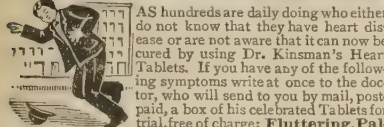
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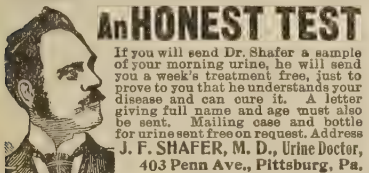
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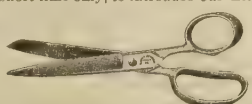
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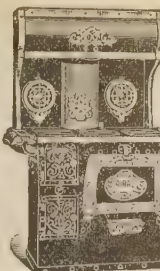
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He only employs his passion who can make no use of his reason.  
*Cicero.*  
The masses procure their opinions ready made in open market.  
*Colton.*  
There can be no affinity nearer than our country.  
*Plato.*

The hours we pass with happiness in view are more pleasing than those crowded with fruition.  
*Goldsmith.*  
The absent are like children, helpless to defend themselves.  
*Charles Reade.*  
Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt, And every grin, so merry, draws one out.  
*Wolcott.*

Happiness depends, as nature shows, Less on exterior things than most suppose.  
*Cowper.*  
That virtue which requires to be ever guarded is scarce worth the sentinel.  
*Goldsmith.*

Accuracy of statement is one of the first elements of truth; inaccuracy is a near kin of falsehood.  
*Tyron Edwards.*  
Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful.  
*Schiller.*

Poverty wants some things, luxury many, avarice all things.  
*Cowley.*  
God hath yoked to guilt her pale tormentor, misery.  
*Bryant.*  
Borrowed thoughts, like borrowed money, only show the poverty of the borrower.  
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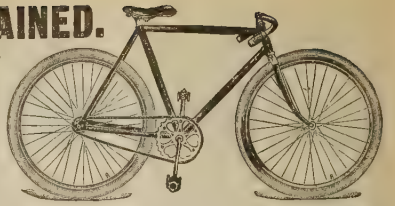
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The fading line of blue, my dear,  
That once stretched wide and far,  
As though the sky were dropping near,  
And every flag a star, my dear,  
And every flag a star.

Ah! see how brave they march along—  
A drum, a riddled flag or two,  
A life that shrills a battle song,  
Some ancient coats that once were blue  
And some have empty sleeves, my dear,  
And some limp faint and slow.  
Come, greet them with a hearty cheer,  
Salute them as they go, my dear,  
Salute them as they go.

For I have stood to see them pass  
In other, sadder days than these,  
When blood was red upon the grass  
And bullets felled the forest trees.  
When dread clutched at my heart, my  
dear,  
Lest freedom's self might die,  
And to that last heart-breaking fear  
They were God's best reply, my dear,  
They were God's best reply.

For those you see below us there—  
Ah! Scan their passing faces well—  
Have borne, each man, heroic share  
In war's dread cyclone, shot and shell;  
Have proved their stainless faith, my  
dear,  
Their deathless courage, too.  
Salute them, love them, and revere;  
They bled for me and you, my dear,  
They bled for me and you.

Though all the world is changed today,  
The sun shines bright, the flag floats  
free,  
And all the past is swept away  
By glory and prosperity.  
Your heart must not forget, my dear,  
All that you owe the heroes who  
Brought back full-handed peace and  
cheer,  
Salute the line of blue, my dear!  
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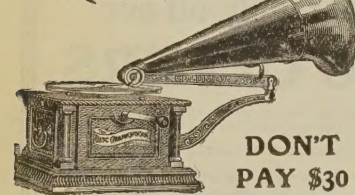
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## Libbie the Unloved.

(Continued from page five.)

He turned to Libby.  
"How soon do you think you could move? By the first of May?"  
"I suppose so," she answered, in a dull voice.

April came, and for the fiftieth time the old woman watched the white geyse way to the green on the hills that curved in and out around her old home.

As long as she could, Libby let her have her dream. Her heart was not hard toward ma now. Ma had not understood. And Libby was glad she could have those few spring days before she was torn from the old home.

"Ma," she began one morning, "I think I will have to pack up this week."

"Packing up what?"

"Why, don't you remember, ma, we're going to town the first of May?"

"Oh, la, Libby, I've give that up long ago! I'm going to die on the old place."

"But you know, ma, the arrangements have all been made. I'm afraid we'll have to go."

She turned to her crossly.  
"There's no use to argue wi' me, Libby Anderson. I ain't goin'!"

"But what about Dave?"

"You can jest write Dave, and say his mother don't want to leave the place."

She looked off at the meadowland as if it were all settled. Libby would have to tell her.

"Ma, it's no use to write to Dave."  
"Why not?" she demanded, in a half-frightened, half-aggressive voice.

"He's sold the place, ma!"  
"What's that you say? Something about Dave selling my place?"

"You know you deeded it to him, ma. It was his after you did that. And he's sold it, and we'll have to move out."

Hearing no answer, she turned around, and it was then she coveted Dave's gift of saying things smoothly. The old woman was crouched low in her chair, and her face was quivering and looked sunken and gray.

"I didn't think he'd do that," she faltered.

"Never mind, ma," Libby said awkwardly. "Poor ma."

It was the nearest to a caress that had passed between them since Libby was a little girl.

Nothing more was said until after ma had gone to bed. Libby supposed she was asleep, when she quaveringly called.

"Libby," she said, "you mustn't be thinkin' hard of Dave. He must have thought it for the best."

Libby was used to caring for ma, and she needed care now.

"Yes, ma," she answered; "I'm sure he must."

It was not until the morning of the fourth day that the silence between them was broken. Libby got up to take down the clock, when she heard a strange noise behind her, and, turning, she saw that ma's head was down low in her hands, and she was rocking passionately back and forward, and crying.

She put down the clock, and again she wished for a little of Dave's silkiness of speech. But she did not have it, and the best she could do was to pull ma's chair out from the barren room into the sunshine of the porch.

Ma did not get up at all next day. Perhaps she was ill, or perhaps it was only that she did not want to go out in the sitting-room and see how unlike home it looked. But the next day she did not get up either, and then Libby went to town for the doctor. He said the excitement had weakened her, and did not seem very certain she would ever get up again. That night Libby wrote a letter to Dave, asking him again to let his mother die on the old place. A week passed, and an answer had not come, and still ma had not left her bed. The packing was all done, it was the first of May, and she was just waiting—she did not know for what.

Her whole soul rose up against moving ma from the old place now, when her days were so surely numbered; and so she sent a telegram to Dave, telling him his mother was ill, and asking leave to stay a little longer. There came a reply from his partner, that Dave was away and would not be home for two weeks.

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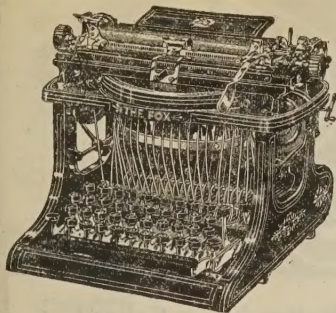
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And then the way opened before Libby, and she saw her path.

The disinherited child wrote a letter that night, and to it she signed her brother's name. Out in the world they might have applied to it an ugly word, but Libby was only caring for ma. She was a long time about it, for it was hard to put things in Dave's round, bold hand, and say them in his silky way.

The doctor said next morning that it was a matter of but a few days at most. "It ain't that I'm goin' to die," she said, when Libby came in and found her crying; "but I was thinkin' of Dave."

"I keep thinkin' and thinkin' of him when he was a little boy, and how he used to run about the place, and how pretty he used to look; and then, just as I begin to take a little comfort in rememberin' some of the smart things he said, I have to think of what he has done, and it does seem like he might have waited till—." But the words were too bitter to be spoken, and, with a hard, scraping sound in her throat, she turned her face to the wall.

About eleven o'clock she entered the room with a letter in her hand.

"Ma," she said tremulously, here's a letter just come from Dave."

"I knew it'd come—I knew it!" And the old voice filled the room with its triumphant ring. Then there crept into her face an anxious look. "What does he say?"

"He's sorry about selling the place, ma. He really thought you'd like it better in town. But he's fixed it up for us to stay. He says you'll never have to leave the place."

"I knowed it—I knowed it well enough! You don't know Dave like I do. But read me the letter."

She did read it, and the old woman listened with tears—glad tears now—falling over her withered cheeks.

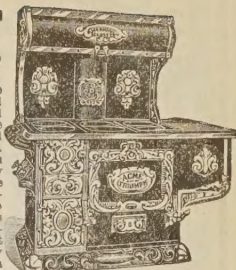
"You can just unpack our things," she cried, when it was finished, "and get this place straightened out. The idea of your packin' up, and think we was goin' to move to town! Nice mess you've made of it! Jest as if Dave would hear of us leavin' the place. I always knowed you'd never 'preciated Dave."

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